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Government accused of plea bargaining to keep military out of Belfast court

British agent admits murder plots

BY EDWARD GORMAN, TRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE government was accused yesterday of striking a plea-bargain deal after murder charges against a British army agent working for Loyalist paramilitaries were dropped.

Brian Nelson, a former chief of

intelligence for the Ulster Defence Association, admitted five counts of conspiracy to murder and 15 other terrorist offences. But the decision not to proceed with 15 charges, including two of murder, brought immediate claims of a cover-up.

Nelson's surprise guilty plea and the dropping of the remaining charges meant soldiers did not have to give evidence on how they handled information about paramilitary operations, including the murder of republicans. Belfast Crown Court had been expected to hear allegations that the army had been running its own network of informers in competition with the RUC and that it failed to share information with police. Nelson, a former Black Watch

soldier, was for ten years the UDA's chief intelligence officer, responsible for collecting information on potential republican targets. At the time of the murders and attempted murders, he was also working Brit-ish army intelligence, passing in-formation to an army "handler". Senior army officers were appalled when he was arrested two years ago by detectives working on the Stevens enquiry into collusion

between Protestant paramilitaries



and the security forces. It has never been clear whether John Stevens, the former Cambridge deputy chief constable who conducted the collusion investigaton, was fully aware of Nelson's clandestine activities when he ordered the arrest, but he understood to have wanted to Brian Nelson:

His arrest was said to have appalled senior army officers

proceed with all the charges. The two murder charges dropped yesterday concerned Gerard Slane and Terence McDade, shot in front of their families in 1988. The court was told that Nelson told his army "handlers" twice that the UDA was going to kill Mr Slane.

He was also said to have told the army five times about plans for the attack that killed Mr McDade, the brother of the intended target.

A Crown lawyer said that sometimes Nelson's information was not as detailed or comprehensive as it could or should have been. "Equally, there were occasions when the information was not passed as promptly as it ought to have been. particularly in the case of Maskey," he added, referring to Alex Maskey, a Sinn Fein councillor and target of one of the five murder plots Nelson admitted.

Nelson, aged 44, also admitted possessing a sub-machinegun, posessing documents, and collecting information about suspected republican paramilitaries. He will be

sentenced next week. The Crown lawyer said

decision not to proceed with other charges had been reached "after a painstaking and scrupulous assessment of possible evidential difficulties with the prosecution and a rigorous examination of the interests of justice". But Seamus Mallen, the SDLP deputy leader. claimed that the decision had been taken to prevent the disclosure of British intelligence at work in Northern Ireland. "It is a most horrific situation for any society where it is confirmed in a court of law that those charged with upholding law and order are in collusion with terrorists. That, in effect, is what this whole case was about,"

he said. David Trimble, Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, said it was unfortunate that the murder charges had been withdrawn.

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. confirmed yesterday that he will deliver his Budget on March 10, keeping open the option of a general election on either April 9 or May 7.

As pressures grew for John Major to announce the election date and spare the country the misery of a long campaign. Downing Street denied reports that the prime

Ministers remain anxious to keep open the election op-tions, although the timing of the earliest Budget for ten years did nothing to rein back the growing bandwagon among Tery MPs for an April

Ministers concede that it

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Budget day March 10 confirmed

BY ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

minister had expressed in pri-vate a preference for April 9.

scramble getting the essential budget business through the Commons in time If the prime minister now decided to go to the polls on April 9. Although the Budget was held on March 9 in 1982 and on March 10 the previous year it would be the first time an April election has been held this century. But they believe it can be done if neces-Continued on page 22, col 4





The Frenchman Marc Bohan turned to blue for his first Hartnell fashion show yesterday Page 22

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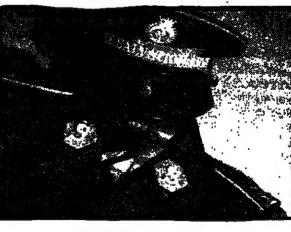
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A flying dodo, a Rutland revival and other wonders are in the Times Diary

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Phone taps role denied by Haughey

BY OUR TRELAND CORRESPONDENT

CHARLES Haughey, the Irish prime minister, yester-day flatly denied claims by a former justice minister that he had been involved in a telephone tapping scandal in 1982, and said he had no intention of resigning over

Mr Haughey, facing yet another threat to his troubled 11-year leadership of Fianna Fail, addressed a dramatic press conference in Dublin in which he branded Sean Doh-

He described new allega-tions by Mr Doherty as a monstrous pantomime, and said he wanted to state cate-

Blackboard revolution

Reforms to teaching in primary schools were rec-ommended yesterday in a report ordered by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. It hit out at "highly questionable dogmas" that had gripped schools.

Three leading educationists gave strong backing to restore traditional teaching

'IRA targets'

An IRA hit list that included the names of two former. Northern Ireland secretaries was found with an arms cache after police arrested a man suspected of being on active service, the Old Bailey was told ___ Page 3

Hunger risk

Thousands of seriously ill patients admitted to British hospitals every year are also suffering from potentially fatal mainstrition, a report says....

Maxwell trick Accountants have discov-

ered that Robert Maxwell's private companies spent £500 million siphoned from his public companies and pension funds on supporting the share price of MCC and covering losses Page 23

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gorically that he was not aware in 1982 of the tapping of two journalists' phones by the police under the orders of Mr Doherty, and denied that he had ever seen transcripts of calls at that time or any "My position, both with regard to the general princi-ple of phone tapping and with regard to my rejection of any suggestion of personal involvement has been en-

tirely consistent over my en-tire period of office, including my time as minister for jus-tice." Mr Haughey said. He added that it was absurd to suggest that he could have been involved, since it

was he who had called for an enquiry into the episode once it had become public knowledge in 1983. Last night there was uncer-

tainty over Mr Haughey's future and of his 2 4-year-old coalition government with the small Progressive Democrats. The PDs were meeting to consider their response amid widespread calls for Mr Haughey to stand down or for the PDs to honour their commitment to high standards in high places, and pull the plug on the coalition.

Mr Doherty unleashed the latest scandal on Mr Haughey when he said in Dublin on Tuesday that Mr Haughey was fully aware of a decision to tap the phones of two political journalists — Geraldine Kennedy of the Sunday Tribune and Bruce Arnold of the Irish Independent - in an illegal attempt to stem cabinet leaks to the media. Having for years accepted

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complete responsibility for Continued on page 2, col 4



Winning spin: Philip Tufnell, the Middlesex bowler, turns to claim victory over New Zealand in Christchurch, where England won by an innings and four runs. He took 7-47 in 46 overs. Report, page 36 **Heseltine promises** poll-tax legislation

BY DOUGLAS BROOM AND RAY CLANCY

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, last night promised urgent legis-lation to prevent the breakdown of the poll-tax system in England and Wales after a court ruled that local council computer records could not be used as evidence of non-

The ruling, by a senior stipendiary magistrate at Cler-kenwell court, central London, is to be challenged in the High Court, but in the meantime councils fear that courts

will stop hearing cases against defaulters. Speaking after the ruling, Mr Heseltine denied that the court decision had created "ashambles" in the poll-tax system and said that there was

no question of granting an amnesty to non-payers. "We shall review the situation most urgently and come up with the answers very shortly. Obviously it requires a legislative decision," he said. "The government has to decide Continued on page 22, col 1

Bush calls on world to help 'leap to freedom'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday called for a global coalition to sustain democracy and freedom in the former Soviet Union, saying that this was a turning point in modern history and failure to act now risked a reversal of the "historic leap to freedom' made by the Soviet peoples.

Opening the two-day 47nation conference on emergency aid to the new states. Mr Bush urged the industrialised nations, oil-rich Gulf states and others present to

seize the chance to reshape the world. James Baker, the Secretary of State, said life in the republics was deteriorating and undoubtedly constituted a "global emergency". The conference has provoked some criticism, notably from France and Germany.

who saw it as an American attempt to seize a leadership role unwarranted by its aid. Auctions shelved, page 10 Michael Binyon, page 16 Leading article, page 17

Minister's speedy excuse astonishes police speed to keep ahead of Mr Clark East Huntspill, Somerset, on August

BY PAUL WILKINSON

ALAN Clark, the junior defence min-ister, accelerated his Porsche 911 behind a police motorway patrol car at speeds approaching 100mph. a court was told yesterday. When the incredulous police driver stopped the car, the minister claimed that he thought he was being escorted as he

was a security risk. It was the second time in 10 days that the MP for Plymouth Sutton had been stopped for speeding in his Bregistered Porsche.

egistered Porsche. The motorway patrolman, Police Constable Peter Sargeant, said: "I found it quite incredible that someone was effectively pacing a marked patrol car." He had increased his

until his car was "virtually flat out. I accelerated as hard as I could, foot right to the floor." His observer, Police Constable John Naish, did an electronic speed check which showed that the Porsche covered two thirds of a mile at an average 99.44mph. Mr Clark, the defence procurement

minister, who earlier this week was admonished in the Commons by the Speaker for electioneering instead of answering MPs' questions, was fined £100 with £120 costs and had his licence endorsed with three penalty points by magistrates in Taunton. Two weeks ago he was banned for 14 days by magistrates in Kent for a

unmarked police car on its way to an accident near by. He moved over to let the unmarked car through, and the Porsche followed. As he accelerated away again, it stayed with him. PC Naish said that when he approached the driver there was an exchange which was "somewhat

28 last year. PC Sargeant said that he

was shadowing a Vauxhall car at 80-

85mph when he saw a silver Porsche

behind him. Through its windscreen he could see the blue lights of an

heated" on the driver's part. Mr Clark asked: "What the hell's going on? You have let a civilian car roar by." PC Naish said that it was an unmarked police vehicle, and Mr Clark then said that he thought they The latest incident happened at

III security risk. He produced a card with a crest on it. Told that he would be reported for

replied: "You just thought you would have a good time and get a Porsche." Mr Clark, a barrister, who defended himself, said that he had not realised it was a police car and had closed up on the marked car as it accelerated to indicate his curiosity

and indignation. In a letter of protest to the Avon and Somerset Chief Constable, he wrote: "I would not go so far to say it was entrapment. It was unsporting in the highest degree. You may feel it appropriate to have a quiet word with

Clarke backs calls for 'common sense' primary teaching

By David Tytler, Education editor

PRIMARY schools will have to train or employ specialist teachers to ensure that children aged five to 11 are taught compulsory national curriculum lessons rather than relying on the present system of one class teacher to take all lessons, according to a report published yesterday by Kenneth Clarke, the education

secretary.
While attacking the "highly questionable dogmas" adopted by some primary schools for the past 20 years, the three education specialists appointed by Mr Clarke to propose teaching reforms have refused to endorse a wholesale return to traditional teaching

They have recommended that the best of all practices should be incorporated in primary school teaching but have fallen short of condemning Lady Plowden's 1967 report, which has been blamed by Mr Clarke for the introduction of child centred education and disorganised lessons allowing different groups of children in the same class to work at their own speed on different

Mr Clarke said he expected that the report would lead to changes in most primary schools in England. "It will give teachers the self-confidence to do what common sense tells them," he said. "There will be no sense of guilt about correcting children's mistakes, no sense of guilt about grouping children according to their abilities. No sense of guilt about teaching the whole class at the same time - practices which have been squeezed out in

The report. from Robin Alexander, of Leeds University, Jim Rose, chief primary inspector in the school inspectorate, and Chris Woodhead. chief executive of the National Curriculum Council, said that the present problems were not caused by Lady Plowden's proposals but that many schools used her as an excuse for mediocrity.

Professor Alexander said: "We are arguing for a return

THE early morning scene

outside Whitemoor colliery

yesterday could have been

taken straight from a British

Coal advertisement promot-

ing the virtues of a new look,

clean and technologically ad-

No obtrusive pit head

winding gear here, no de-

spoiling waste heap, and not

vanced mining industry.

to common sense and do not believe that the extremes are as widespread as has been said over recent months."

The enquiry team does, however, accept that there has been a drop in reading standards between 1987 and 1991. A report to be published by the National Foundation for Educational Research will show that there has been a decline of between three and five months in

Mr Rose said it was clear that children should be taught by the teacher rather than relying on children to ask questions. "The problem can be summed up in the phrase you sometimes hear, that 'we teach children not subjects'," he said. Professor Alexander and

MAIN POINTS

pupils has been hampered by the influence of highly questionable dogmas that have led to excessively complex classroom practices and devalued the place of subjects in the curriculum.

 Much topic work has led to fragmentary and superficial teaching and learning. There is a need both for more sharply focused and rig-orously planned topic work and for an increase in single subject teaching.

 In many schools the benefits of whole class teaching have been under-exploited. • Standards of education will not rise until teachers expect more of pupils. Every school should have

access to expertise in all nine national curriculum subjects and in religious education. • Teaching roles are too rigid. Specialist teachers should be introduced to strengthen the role of the class teacher.

• Streaming is a crude device that cannot do justice to the different abilities a pupil may show in different subjects and contexts. Decisions about the initial

training of teachers should take account of the kinds of staff that primary schools

coal dust that pervades the

traditional colliery yard. In-

burnt the mist off the careful-

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his team have been told that the requirements of the narional curriculum and its attendant tests have led to reduced teaching time, particularly in the basics, but said that it was premature to blame these extra demands on teachers for falling standards.

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The report ruled out streaming, which was once favoured by Mr Clarke, but said that schools would have to tailor lessons to meet the most able and least able pupils. It recommended lessons for whole classes where possible but said that it would sometimes be necessary to teach individual children or

small groups.

Mr Clarke was pleased that the report stressed the need for specialist teaching in the national curriculum subjects of mathematics, English, science, technology, history, ge-ography, art and music. He also endorsed its conclusion that there was much to commend in primary schools, but that there were unacceptably wide differences in the quality of teaching and in the standards not only between different schools but within classes in the same school.

The report said that spe-cialist teachers could be found without an automatic increase in money. Greater flexibility in the way existing staff were used and the grouping of small schools which could exchange specialist teachers would ensure a considerable improvement in standards, the report said.

Mr Clarke said that the strengthening of specialist teaching could be paid for without spending extra money. He would consider shifting funds from secondary to primary schools to reduce the

present disparity.

Jack Straw, Labour's front bench education spokesman, said: "The report is a serious embarrassment to Mr Clarke for what it says on teaching methods: The report is an important contribution to the debate about teaching methods." He added: "Its authors have shown commendable independence."

round Whitemoor, a low-rise

complex that looks more like

a hi-tech computer factory.

Only 10 miles south of the

splendour of York Minster, it

The day colliery jewel lost its glitter

After the loss of 1,300 jobs in the

Yorkshire mines, Peter Davenport reports

on the shattered dreams at one pit

even the merest hint of the a flock of sheep, which sur-



Colleagues grieve one of 700 mourners weeps at the funeral yesterday in Enfield, north London, of Sergeant Alan King, aged 41, stabbed to death in Walthamstow, northeast London, last November.

Haughey denies Doherty's career phone tap role

Continued from page I the scheme himself and denied Mr Haughey's involve-ment, Mr Doherty said that he could now reveal not only that Mr Haughey had been aware of his activities but that he had also taken delivery personally of all but one of the

transcripts of the taped conversations. Mr Doherty was forced to resign the party whip over the affair and has never fully recovered in spite of returning to the Dail and more recently being elected chairman of the

senate, a position from which he resigned yesterday. After his revelations, Des O'Malley, leader of the Progressive Democrats, said that he was devastated. Dick

Spring, leader of the Labour

sits unobtrusively in peaceful

future - only yesterday, it

was a dream turned sour for

the 495 miners, many of

whom had moved to the col-

liery, part of the new, £1.4

billion Selby coalfield, in the

expectation of securing a well-

paid, long-term future in the

aftermath of the miners'

British Coal confirmed yes-

terday that it was shedding

195 jobs from Whitemoor as part of an "efficiency drive"

throughout its Selby group, which will see 1,105 men go

from four pits. The reaction

at Whitemoor was one of dis-

belief. It was not supposed to

happen at these new, super

pits. One miner, still in his

bright orange overalls, re-

flected a common feeling.

saying: "They went out of their way to get us to come

here. Men uprooted their families, left their friends be-

hind, and took on big mort-

gages, and now we get this kick in the teeth."

Joe Lyman, aged 47, the

NUM branch treasurer at the

pit, said that up to 30 per cent

of the workforce had moved

their families in south and

west Yorkshire that had been

closed since the strike. Men

had been attracted, Mr

Lyman, said, by prospects of

wages of up to £300 a week.

high bonuses and a generous

financial package from Brit-ish Coal, including mortgage

assistance over seven years

that, at its highest, was worth

a total of £17,000. "The lads

are absolutely stunned, and

yes, there is anger because

they feel they were conned out

The job losses at White-

moor are the latest setback for

the Selby field, once hailed as

the "jewel in the crown" of

British Coal. The £1.4 billion

development cost a third

more than expected and has

been dogged by geological

British Coal intends to

meet job losses by voluntary

redundancy, with some men

qualifying for £35,000 pay-

ments. Although some will

leap at the chance, there was

concern yesterday about the

prospect of compulsory

redundancy if not enough

Ninety jobs are to go at a

centre for clean coal research

in Grimethorpe, near Barns-

ley, South Yorkshire..

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here," Mr Lyman said.

strike of 1984 to 1985.

This then was to be the

countryside.

Party: challenged Mr O'Malley to withdraw his party from the coalition.

John Bruton, leader of the main opposition Fine Gael. said: "I hope this government does not survive. The Progressive Democrats must realise the internal problems within Fianna Fáil are having a major, dreadful impact on government policy and the

nation generally."
Even Mr Haughey's friends in Fianna Fâil seemed completely unnerved by Mr Doherty's sudden about-face. Jim Tunney, the chairman of the parliamentary party, was said to be "stunned and dumbfounded" allegations.

.Geraldine: Kennedy :said that no denial from Mr ev would be sufficient to clear his name. "I think it will be very difficult for Mr Haughey to deny involve-

ment point blank. "There was never any evidence produced to support the taps in either case," said Ms Kennedy, who, like Mr Arnold, was awarded £10,000 damages by the High Court when they sued over the telephone tapping

affair. Mr Haughey's supporters believe, however, that his denial might yet again save him. His performance at the press conference was considered bold and assured. There also seemed to be some substance to his claim that Mr Doherty, who had admitted he had lied in the past, might be lying again to further his own political ends in his Roscommon constituency.

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dogged by scandal

BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SEAN Doherty, the man accused by Charles Haughey. the Irish prime minister, of lying in an attempt to end his premiership, has never recovered from the damage caused by the telephone tapping scandal of 1982.

Mr Doherty was eventually forced to resign the party whip and has been discredited in the eyes of many of his former colleagues ever since. It is often said that he, more than anyone else over the

years, has personified what has been wrong with Mr Haughey's governments, a man who has openly admitted to lying and who while in office, was associated with a tions of abusing his position.

Doherty, aged 46, father of our daughters, is a Fianna Fail right winger from Roscommon in the Irish midlands. He was a policeman, who rose to the Special Branch before following his father into politics in 1973.

Doherty: accused of abusing his position

MAN IN THE NEWS

He won his first Dáil seat in 1977 and was rewarded by Mr Haughey with a junior ministerial post in the justice department for his part in engineering Mr Haughey's accession to the leadership in 1979. He became justice minister in Mr Haughey's second nine-month administration between March and

December, 1982. That administration was afflicted by a series of scandals, including allegations that Mr Doherty improperly interfered with the running of the police. In one example, a police officer who brought a case against six men caught drinking after hours in a pub constituency found himself

mysteriously transferred. In another, a man who brought an assault case against Mr Doherty's policeman brother-in-law was arrested on the day the charge was brought to court, preventing him from giving evi-

Mr Doherty denied in-volvement in both affairs. The tapping of the telephones phones of two journalists suspected of receiving leaks from the Cabinet, was revealed only after the Fine Gael/ Labour coalition came into office in 1983. Mr Doherty admitted instigating the taps and resigned the party whip in February that year. He remained in the polit-

ical wilderness until December 1984, when he was readmitted to the Fianna Fail party and was re-elected in Roscommon in 1987.

Bar calls for abolition of dock

However, there are reforms that could be made to promote a fair system including the creation of a state-funded

office of public defender, a greater role for the Crown Prosecution Service in supervising police investigations, greater safeguards on confession evidence and an inde-pendent review body to investigate alleged miscarriages of justice with power to refer them to the Court of

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Mortgage launched today

BY RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE first mortgage rescue package funded from the E750 million promised by lenders before Christmas to help homeowners facing repossession is to be announced today. The Nationwide Building Society, the country's second largest is expected to announce a deal with three London housing associations that will buy properties throughout London and turn them into rented or sharedownership homes.

The housing associations are believed to be the London and Quadrant, the Notting Hill, and the Newlon housing trusts. The associations are said to have secured a very low interest rate loan.

Don Wood, chief executive of London and Quadrant Housing Trust, said: "We have been negotiating with Nationwide and affordability has been very much on the agenda. We feel we've acheived that. We are helping people who would otherwise have been homeless."

Nationwide said that it could not confirm or deny the rescue deals in advance of its press conference this morning. The timing of the announcement, however, is in advance of government ex-pectations. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, told the House of Commons yesterday that mortgage lenders would announce measures within weeks to counter the wave of

Trusts to treat more patients

Health service trusts are expected to treat 7 per cent more patients this year than last year, double the increase in non-trust hospitals, Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, told MPs yesterday.

Mr Nichol told the Commons health Committee that trusts had introduced more weekend and evening clinics and 24-shour community nursing services due to their new freedom for local pay flexibility. The increases in the number of patients treated could not be wholly attribhowever

Projecting six month figures to the end of the year, he said that trusts would treat 7 per cent more in-patients, compared with 3 per cent by

BR 'hindering death enquiry

British Rail has failed to provide all the information needed for an investigation into the deaths of passengers in falls from high-speed trains, the Health and Safety Executive said yesterday. The executive said that it

had sought details of circumstances surrounding 325 deaths from 1972 to 1990. It was still waiting for statistics from BR. We have had to go to board level to get the in-formation we want, and we still have not got it," a spokes-man said. He dismissed reports that faulty doors had been identified as the cause of the deaths, saying that there was no evidence of that so far.

Appeal rejected

A Dutch court has rejected compensation claims by Gerard Harte and three suspected IRA members who spent nearly a year in custody before being acquitted of the murder of two Australian tourists in 1990. The court dismissed the claims by Donna Maguire, aged 26, Paul Hughes, 28, and Sean Hick, 31, because they had refused to answer police questions during the enquiry.

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT BARRISTERS have called

for the abolition of the dock so that defendants can sit near their lawyers as in the United States. The Bar Council, which makes the proposal in its evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, says that the move would reflect the legal system's presumption of innocence.

The Bar also suggests incursions into the right to silence, enabling a defendant to be questioned at a pre-trial

hearing. The two reforms are in a detailed package of proposals to overhaul the criminal justice system, starting from "first principles", the Bar council said yesterday.

Overall, the Bar concludes that the adversarial system of justice in England and Wales is more likely than the inquisitorial system, used on the Continent, to achieve the 'right" verdict on the evidence, and more likely to be acceptable to the public.

during the enquiry.

Return of Baltic gold sparks a spat

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN promised yester-day to repay £90 million in gold bullion deposited with the Bank of England in the Thirties by the Baltic states and sold by the Wilson administration in the Sixties.

The disclosure that Whitehall was embarking on one of its slower U-turns was made by John Major after a meeting with Vytautas Landsbergis, president of Lithuania, at Downing Street.

Inevitably, given the electioneering atmosphere at Westminster, the Conservatives also sought to extract maximum political capital from an affair stretching back to the infamous Molotov/Ribbentrop pact of 1939 and the annexation of the Baltic states by the Soviet Union in 1940. Mr Major

played his part by making a suitably statesmanlike reference to righting wrongs perpetrated by "a previous gov-ernment in the late Sixties". Douglas Hogg, a junior but combative Foreign Office

minister, performed according to type by filling in some of the gaps in a "shameful" chapter in Britain's history. "In 1967, the then Labour government instructed the Bank of England to sell the

gold, effectively expropriating the Baltic republics," Mr Hogg said in a statement. "The Liberal party supported Labour in this indefensible act. It was a betrayal of the people of the Baltic states ... It was an act of appeasement towards Moscow by the then

Labour government.

deal with Moscow. They inciuded Donald Dewar, now Labour's Scottish affairs spokesman, and Sir David Steel, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman. Labour made clear its dis-

gust at the Tory trawl through the history books. Gerald Kaufman, its foreign affairs spokesman, flicked through the pages to the 1938 Oxford by election in In case anyone doubted which Mr Hogg's father,

Quintin Hogg, now Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, stood on a pro-Chamberlain appeasement" ticket.

'It's a general view around Westminster that Douglas Hogg is batty, but he did not have to go to such a great deal of trouble to prove it. I would have thought he was the last person in the Commons to talk about appeasement," Mr Kaufman said.

The sale ordered in 1967 raised £5.8 million (£90 milion at today's prices), part of which went to satisfying British claims for assets lost in the Baltie states and other territories swallowed up by the Soviet Union. The UK also gave the Soviet government £500,000 from the proceeds, and both sides dropped their respective claims.

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Prior the top target on IRA hit list, court told

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN IRA hit list including the names of two former Northern Ireland secretaries was McKane, the a with an arms cache that November 1990, police found after arresting a The equipment man accused of being a member on active service, the Central Criminal Court was told

yesterday.

The list covered people linked to Northern Ireland or included the services and included photographs and personal details. As well as the names I Lord Prior and Lord Ma-Douglas Hurd.
on of Barnsley, it identified. Yesterday Mr McKane, enior military commanders, aged 25, of northwest he prosecution said. London, denied conspiring Also on it were another with Quinlivan and McAuley of Lord Prior and Lord Mason of Barnsley, it identified senior military commanders, the prosecution said.

former cabinet minister, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, the Tory MP for Wealden, and Sir Charles Tidbury, who was chairman of the William and Mary Tercentenary Trust, which had close links to Northern Ireland. Thirteen officers listed included General Sir Richard Trant; General Sir John Acland, Sir John Fieldhouse, and Major General Julian Thompson.

The cache, which included six weapons and material for making 22 bombs ranging from booby traps to a 50th device, lacking only a detona-tor, was discovered in the

boot of a Lada car parked behind the home of William McKane, the accused, in

The equipment also included a Who's Who that bore the fingerprints of Nissan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley, the IRA suspects who escaped from Brixton prison last year, it was alleged. The two men's fingerprints were found at entries for Sir Geoffrey Howe and

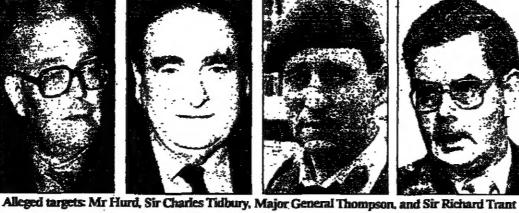
and others to murder Sir Charles Tidbury and others conspiracy with Quinlivan and McAuley and others to cause explosions, and posses sion of firearms together with Quinlivan and McAuley. John Nutting, for the pros-

ecution, said that the arrest of Mr McKane followed the arrest of Quinlivan and McAuley in October 1990. The seizing of the two men frustrated the IRA's campaign, which was halted three weeks later by Mr McKane's arrest and the discovery of the Lada. He said that Mr McKane was "inextricably

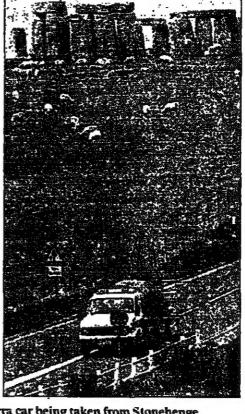












Lord Prior, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Sir John Fieldhouse, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, and the Sierra car being taken from Stonehenge

linked to what is, on the evidence in this case, manifestly an active service unit". At the very least he had supplied and preserved documents useful for false identification, Mr Nutting said. He provided transport; stored explosives or allowed them to be kept in his flat; was a confidant of Quinlivan and McAuley, held keys for a flat they used; and was entrusted with safeguarding their equipment and moving it into hiding after their arrest.

Mr Nutting said that in the summer of 1990 the six-

strong active service unit the Hampshire farm home of began to reconnoitre possible places of attack. On 13 September Quinlivan was seen in the passenger seat of a blue Ford Sierra parked off a road between Reading and Andover. His companion, who looked like McAuley, was getting out binoculars. A few hours later in

Edgware, north London, the car driven by McAuley was in a hit-and-run accident. The driver of the other car took the number of the Ford.

The next weekend, the active service unit headed for rest of the guard. The guards

Sir Charles. The house, near Portsmouth, was being guarded by armed police. On the night of 15 to 16 September, Sir Charles and his wife came home and went to bed. At 2.20am one guard in the house heard the sound of

someone trying to turn a door handle at the back of the house. He heard someone walking on gravel and saw two armed men emerge at the front of the house heading for

cocked their guns and as one made his way forward to challenge the men, the two gunmen fled. A police dog van called to the scene passed the Sierra.

which was carrying three men. A description of the car was put out on the police radio, but the officer in the van had mistaken it for a Renault Fuego and the men escaped. The car and two men were finally found on October 2, when they were seen parked near Stonehenge The policeman alerted the in Wiltshire. They were

Mr Nutting said that Mr McKane was linked to the others by finds in the cache and an address used by the unit in north London. In his flat police found a birth certificate used to set up a false identity, maps which bore the fingerpints of Quinlivan and McAuley and keys to a flat they had used. Other papers and docu-

ments had their fingerprints. Bin liners in the boot of the Lada holding clothing and equipment carried Mr McKane's fingerprints. The case continues today.

Beck abuse enquiry to be private

BY CRAIG SETON

EVIDENCE at the official enquiry into the case of Frank Beck, the senior Leicestershire social worker jailed for life for abusing children in council care over 13 years, is to be heard in private, it was

disclosed yesterday.

Andrew Kirkwood, QC, chairman of the enquiry, told a preliminary hearing that he would take evidence in pricluding former child victims of Beck, to talk freely. A full report of the enquiry's findings would be made public.

Two Leicestershire Conservarive MPs had called for the enquiry to hear witnesses in

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The enquiry, ordered by William Waldegrave, health secretary, opens on February 12. It has the power to subpoens witnesses and call for documents. Its terms of reference are to enquire into and report on the county council's management responses to complaints and other prima facie evidence of abuse, malpractice and other matters concerning the council's children homes between 1973 and 1986.

Many of the children, now adults, who were in Beck's care are due to give evidence. Former senior county council officials are also to be called. Mr Kirkwood said that, at

the core of the evidence, was detail involving young people at times of particular difficulty in their lives. He feared that they might feel inhibited if every word was in public, and he intended to respect their rights to confidentiality.

By JOHN YOUNG

NEARLY 37,000 listed

buildings in England, 7 per cent of the total, are at risk of

being lost through neglect, a

report published yesterday

says. Twice that number are

at risk unless rapid action is

taken to repair and restore

them, in many cases by find-

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The report, Buildings at

Risk, is based on a sample

survey carried out by English

Heritage, in collaboration

with local authorities, of some

43,000 historic buildings

and monuments in 59 dis-

tricts. The survey found

Rural planning curbs to be eased By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

THE government put itself ing before turning down

countryside lobby yesterday by signalling that huge areas of agricultural land no longer warranted special protection from development.

In its latest guidance on rural planning for local authorities, the environment department said that two thirds of farmland in England and Wales was of moderate to poor quality and there was no longer any particular reason to prevent its being put to non-farming use.

The document, presented in the Commons yesterday by Sir George Young, the plan-ning minister, is the first revision of rural planning guidelines since early 1988 and markedly strengthens official encouragement for light industry and new housing.

The new guidance comes just over two weeks after John Major, the prime minister, in a speech to the Oxford Farming Conference, questioned the need "to offer as much protection to farmland now that we have [food] surpluses". Planning officers, he said, should consider the consequences for jobs and hous-

dant structures, including old

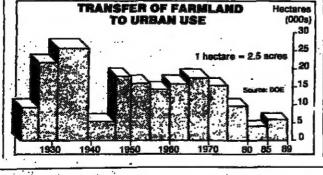
farm buildings, mills, power

on a collision course with the development applications. The document, The Countryside and the Rural Economy, says that "little weight need normally be given to the loss" of farmland defined as being of poor or moderate quality.

The only exceptions would be
"areas such as hills and uplands where particular agricultural practices themselves contribute to the quality of the environment, or to the rural economy, in some sp

The government has dropped previous guidance that farm buildings should be shown to be "redundant" before an alternative use is permitted. It also tells local planning officers to give preference to re-use of farm buildings as light industry workshops over their conversion to homes.

Tony Burton, senior planner at the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "This is a substantial shift in official policy towards the countryside and is going to cause an unholy row. Simply because too much food is being produced does not mean that too much land is in use.



Liverpool may close churches

The Bishop of Liverpool de-nied yesterday that a recom-mendation for the closure of seven out of 29 churches represents a withdrawal from

the inner city.

The 90-page report by a commission set up by the Right Rev David Sheppard recommends the closures and a 10 per cent cut in clergy because of a fall in popula-Instead of 25 parishes in

central Liverpool, there would he 11 with 22 churches Clergy would no longer work alone in small inner-city parishes, but would co-operate in team ministries.

Churches empty, page 6 Father's search

Ian McNichol, aged 52, of Tillingham, Essex, joined more than 100 police searching the site of a rock music festival near Liphook, Hampshire, from where his daughter Dinah, aged 18, disappeared six months ago.

Phones fraud Foreign students at Notting-

ham University who discovered a software flaw in the campus telephone exchange rang up £50,000 worth of free calls to numbers around the world in the four months it took BT to spot the error.

Children die Subhi and Jade Chapman,

aged two and three, died last night in a fire at their home in Stockton, Cleveland. Mark Hornsby, aged 26, and Jane Chapman, aged 21, who escaped with three-monthold Mark, lost their previous house in a fire a year ago. Crumbling heritage faces bleak future

Birth control vaccine 'near' By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

Professor Herr said that there an's immune system and causes it to produce antibod-

A VACCINE to protect against pregnancy has moved a step closer with the announcement of funding by a leading American pharmacutical company. Ortho Pharmaceuticals has

signed a licensing agreement with the University of Virginia to support research into a vaccine that could be administered by pill or injection and could protect against pregnancy for between two and five years.

enetically-engineered version of a protein found in preparing the vaccine for husperm, stimulates the wom- man testing within two years. Herr added.

The vaccine, based on a

ies against sperm. These antibodies bind with sperm and destroy its ability to fertilise eggs. Tests in animals show that it can prevent fertilisation and because it contains no hormones may have fewer side-effects. John Herr of the University of Virginia school of medi-

cine, says that the vaccine is being tested on baboons. Under the agreement, Ortho will provide funds to complete

was no clear evidence whether the effect of the vaccine could be quickly reversed if a woman changed her mind, although that was the objective. The animal evidence is, however, that once the effect of the vaccine wears off it is possible to become pregnant in the normal way. "Nearly universal accep-

tance of vaccines and ease of administration suggest that a contraceptive vaccine would offer effective, reliable birth control and fit into various world cultures." Professor



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will, to keep these places in a state of basic repair, to prestations, folies and tombs. Great houses and other vent them from decaying to buildings of outstanding natthe point of no return, a ional importance tend to atsituation aggravated in a tract the most attention, but are not generally in the most time of recession," Lord desperate need of repair, the report suggests. Rather, it is Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage, the modest landmarks said yesterday. There were thousands of lesser buildings which re-mained between newer develpublic monuments in town centres, ruined tombs in

churchyards, and crumbling opments, and which gave barns surrounded by open towns and villages character. fields — that are most likely to "Many of these are strucdisappear entirely if further tures that cannot be occupied neglected. While these strucor converted to a modern use, rures seldom serve a profitsuch as bridges, Georgian able purpose, they make an enormous contribution to our follies or magnificent funeral

memorials," he said. "Of course we cannot, and should not, seek to preserve everything in an unthinking blanket fashion." But listing did not guarantee that a building would be kept in good repair. will, knowledge and money were also required.

that heritage will never be-

"Often there is not the

money, sometimes not the

"We badly need a new hen-rage bill," Lord Montagu said. He had been given a strong indication that time Buildings at Risk: a sample would be made available for such a new measure in the next Parliament, whichever party was in power. "I hope

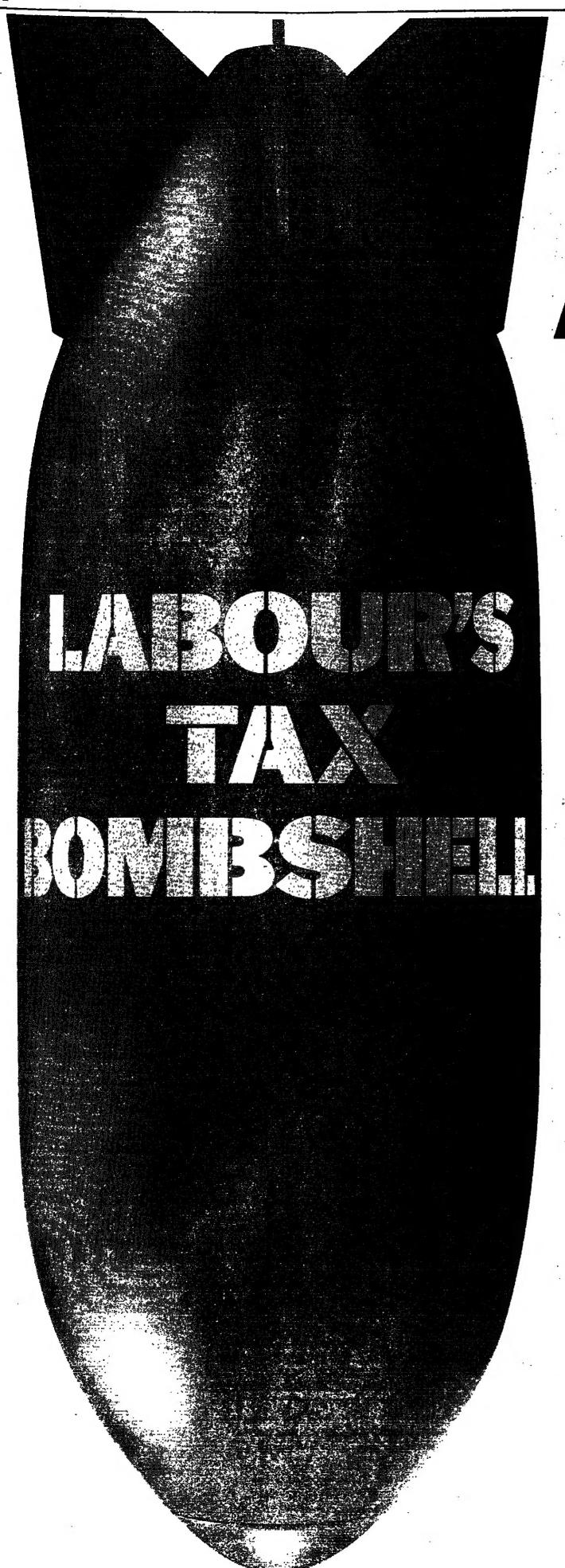
come a political football," he added Jennifer Page, English

Heritage's chief executive, said that it was important to get the problem in perspective. More than three quarters of the 500,000 or so listed buildings were well cared for but a substantial problem remained. About 16 per cent of all

listed buildings were classed as "structures", including tombs and statues. Most had no immediate economic benefit to their owners, and not surprisingly one in five were in poor condition. Yet they were often important architectural pieces in their own

The survey had been parily funded by a £200,000 grant from the environment department which, she estimated, had met about 70 per cent of local authorities costs. English Heritage was encouraging all councils to undertake similar exercises, and hoped to see the whole country covered by 1995.

survey (English Heritage, Room 308. Keysign House, 429 Oxford Street, London W1R 2HD) Letters, page 17



AVERAGE TIMES READER WOULD PAY MORE TAX AYEAR UNDER LABOUR.

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The average family income of a Times reader is £26,700. Labour's tax and national insurance plans, plus an increase in the basic rate of income tax of 10p in the £, needed to pay for Labour's spending promises, would raise the tax and national insurance bill of such a family (assuming it has average tax allowances) by £2,375 a year.

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Malnutrition 'could kill hospital patients'

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent

requiring such treatment could be twice as many, the report says. Quoting Florence Nightingale, it says many starve in the midst of plenty despite the availability of

good food.

Doctors and nurses often fail to recognise malnumition because they are not trained to look for it, but it prolongs recovery from illness and can

Court aide cleared of book theft

A coroner's officer was cleared yesterday of stealing a book from the flat of Kenneth Williams, the Carry On film actor, while the comedian's body lay there.

However, a jury at South-London, found Roy Bellamy, Chalk Farm, north London, guilty of stealing stamps from the home of a woman aged 80 in Hampstead. The court was told that identical stamps to those missing were found in an album at his home. He was acquitted of stealing \$400 of the woman's savings.

Bellamy, aged 42, coroner's officer for St Pancras, north London, will be sen-

Toys sold

German collector pand the top price, £47,300, for a set of six tinplate fire brigade toys

Apex order

Apex Trust, which gives training to ex-offenders, has been put in administration by the High Court at its board's request. Administrators from Cork Gully, the accountants, have about four weeks to try

Barrage plan

The energy department has announced a 590 million plan for a barrage across the mouth of the river Wyre, Lancashire, for electricity

THOUSANDS of seriously ill patients admitted to British hospitals every year are also suffering from unrecognised and potentially fatal malnutrition, according to a report by health experts.

Half a million in patients a healthy people in affluent year are under-nourished. At least 30,000 need artificial nutrition and the real total requiring such treatment "Yet there are also those "Yet there are also those

who are weak and wasted through lack of food, not because they cannot afford or obtain it, but because they cannot or do not eat or absorb it. These babies, children and adults who starve in the midst of plenty are the subject of this

The document, by a working party of nutritionists, dieticians, surgeons and specialist nurses, says that simple improvements in hospital care of the malnourished could prevent innumerabledeaths while

saving the health service £250

million a year.

However, the report also shows that three out of four district general hospitals in Britain have no formally organised nutritional team to achieve such human and fi-nancial savings. "Patients starve because they cannot eat or absorb the nutrients from a normal diet. This delays recovery from medical and surgical disorders and at worst is life threatening." John Lennard-Jones, chairman of the working party,

Professor Lennard-Jones, consultant gastro-enterologist at St Mark's Hospital, London, said: "We are not talking about healthy diets or hospital food but about the prevention of malnutrition in illness. There is a tendency to regard loss of weight in the ill as an inevitable consequence. It is not."

Mainutrition led to mental and physical distributes, incitizing loss of the will to live and valuerability to intection. But concentrated partritional drinks, costing as little as 50; each, could save lives.

David Silk, joint director of trition department at the Central Middlesex Hospital, London, said: "Nutritional care of hospital patients is poorly organised and of a sub-optimal standard." Ivan Johnston, professor of sur-gery at Newcastle University, said: "Mortality after surgery, and complication rates, are much higher in undernour-ished patients. Some get the energy they need for survival from their own muscles."

A Positive Approach to Nutrition as Treatment (from Bailey Dis-tribution, Learnyd Road, New Romney, Kent TN28 8XU; 55.50)

Liverpool sings its praises to America

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AMERICAN businesses are being urged to invest in a vibrant, attractive British city with a reliable and prod-uctive workforce, moderate civic politics, a world-famous musical tradition, and a waterfront view to rival that of Sydney opera house from across the harbour. At first glance, the sales pitch does not call to mind the Liverpool.

we thought we knew.
Next month, the Royal
Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra begins a two-week tour of 11 cities in the eastern United States, closely fol-lowed by a team from Mer-seyside Development Corp-oration singing the praises of the area as the perfect base

Concerts, it is believed, will create a more lasting impression than boring businessmen bursting with facts and figures. Both Baltimore and Boston have declared "Liverpool days" when the orchestra is in town. Liverpool believes that it already has a foot in the transatlantic door, being the only English city outside London that many Americans can name.

Desmond Pitcher, chairman of the development corporation, admitted at the campaign's launch in London yesterday that to have undertaken such an initiative five years ago would have been a waste of time. "There were too many opposing factions in the city pulling against each other," he said. Now, we are in harmony."

Americans will be assured

that the city council is now in safe hands and that the area is earmarked for a £350 million injection of public mon-

ey over the next five years.

Merseyside's missionaries
believe that they go to convert America with a clean of Liverpool are not estab-lished," according to Bob Odell, the corporation's American representative, whose Scots-born grandfather sailed from the Pier Head. They have, on the whole, not heard of the 1981 Toxteth riots. Derek Hatton's politics, the polluted river, unemployment still over 14 per cent, or the urban decay.

Ministers are backing the

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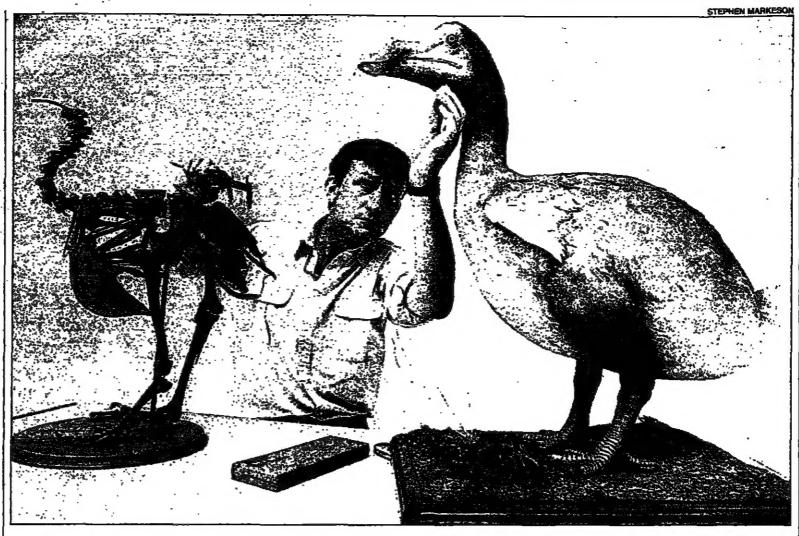
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sales effort and are falling over themselves to lay past ghosts. "All the assumptions about Liverpool from the Seventies and Eighties are mercifully being shed," Michael Portillo, local government minister, said yesterday. "It is now vibrant and attractive, with a reliable and productive workforce. This is indicated by both the Inland

indicated by both the Inland
Revenue and Customs and
Excise deciding to relocate to
Merseyside."

Mr Portillo may be making
a dangerous assumption in
thinking that incoming companies would want both the
taxman and the Vatman as
neighbours. He made anneighbours. He made another when he declared: "It takes a while to shake off the stigma, but in the US they have never had these bad impressions. They see Liverpool as an interesting city, where they speak English." Oh, come on now.



Fleshed out: Andrew Kitchener, of the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, with a skeleton of a dodo built from bones found in a Mauritius swamp and a model of the extinct bird. The skeleton has been returned to Mauritius this week. Diary, page 16

Managers blamed for disasters

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

HUMAN error has been at the root of almost every disaster since the sinking of the Titanic, a report published today concludes.

By analysing accidents such as the Flixborough explosion, the King's Cross Underground fire and the Piper Alpha disaster, the report

seeks to pinpoint the causes and provide a guide. "The errors that lead to disasters are symptomatic of failures in safety manage ment at senior level," Geoff Ballard, of SRD, the safety and reliability consultancy of Automatic Energy Authority Technology who produced the report, says. "Directors and senior managers have to realise they cannot delegate responsibility for safety."

In the case of the

Flixborough chemical plant explosion and the gas leak at Bhopal in India, commercial pressures had led to cuts or ill-considered operational changes, the report says.

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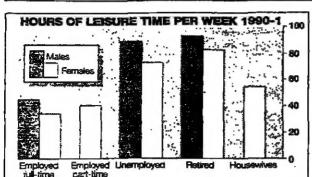
REPORTS BY BILL FROST AND JEREMY LAURANCE

DIVORCE, drug addiction. illegitimate birth and Blackpool beach are booming as Britain becomes a nation of extremes dominated by television and plagued by petty

However, we can pride ourselves on safer roads and an increasing reverence for the environment, according to the latest edition of Social

Trends, the statistician's guide to contemporary life. As usual, a mountain of data there to be scaled, from Britain's most popular tourist destination (Blackpool Pleasure Beach) to the growth in bottle banks.

Among other nuggets, the Central Statistical Office survey shows that British workers took more days off sick



Viewers take time off from television

THE number of hours spent watching television has declined slightly but the nightly diet of soaps, game shows and films is still the most popular way of occupying leisure time, the survey said.

In 1990 people spent an average of 24 hours a week watching television, compared with 26 hours in 1986. Drama was the most popular choice, with news bulletins a close second. Light entertainment and sport also attracted large audiences.

By 1990, 14.8 million households were believed to have at least one video recorder, compared with 9.6 million four years earlier. Between 1986 and 1990, the number of radio listeners increased by 18 per cent with rises in all age groups, most noticeably beween 16 and 34.

The cinema has regained its popularity with 64 per cent having seen a film at least once during the year, a rise of 4 per cent on 1989. The growth in attendance was 15-24. Blackpool Pleasure most popular destinations.

tourist attraction in 1990. with 6.5 million visitors, followed by the Albert Dock in Liverpool and the British Museum, which had almost five

West End theatre attendances were also up in 1990 with a total audience of 11.3 million. The highest proportion of theatregoers was in the 25-34 age group.

Football attendances increased for the third year running. The average gate at First Division games was almost 23,000.

Some trends, however, remained static. The proportion of adults who did not take a holiday stood at two out of every five, as it has for almost 20 years, but among those who do enjoy a break, there has been a trend towards taking more than one holiday a year. The number of holidays taken abroad has increased by half in less than ten years. In 1990, 20.5 million Britons went abroad.

than their counterparts in every EC country except The Netherlands. But Britons would seem to work a longer week than other Europeans, putting in an average of 44 hours. Germans worked an average of 40.2 hours. The United Kingdom has

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one of the highest marriage rates in the EC. In 1989, there were 6.8 weddings per 1,000 eligible individuals. but the divorce rate for the same year ran at 12.6 per 1,000. Only Denmark registered a higher number of broken marriages. The proportion of births outside marriage has risen sharply, from less than 11 per cent in 1979 to 28 per cent in 1990.

Deaths on the road were much lower than elsewhere in the EC, with the exception of Norway. The incidence of Aids was also less pronounced. Last year there were 78 reported cases per million in Britain, compared with an EC average of 135.

Crime and drug abuse, however, continued to grow. The UK had the highest number of prisoners in the EC and a growing number of registered heroin addicts. Car thefts, burglaries and handling stolen goods made up almost 90 per cent of recorded offences.

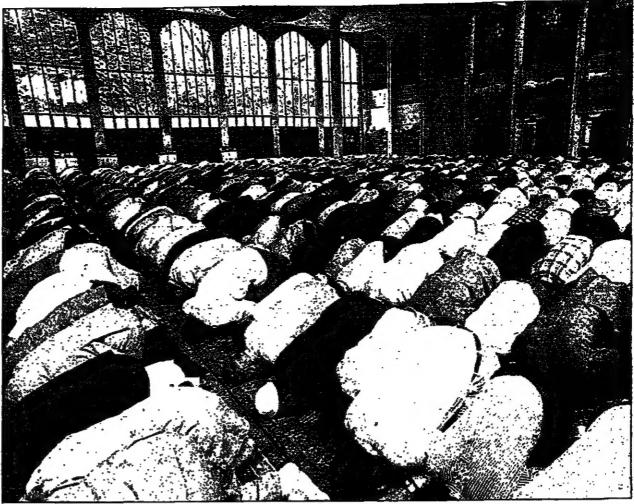
Apathy was alive and well. too. Turnout figures for EC elections were the worst in the community. Only 36 per cent bothered to vote, compared with 93 per cent in Belgium.

Television continued to dominate leisure activities, church membership fell and Alcoholics Anonymous put on members. However, growing numbers joined groups dedicated to the preservation of environment.

As ever. Social Trends allows the pessimist to amass a welter of evidence to prove that Britain is going to the dogs. But the survey's great strength is that there is also enough data to prove the

Sales this year are expected to top 7,500, making it something of a Stationery Office best seller.

Office: £24.75)



Mixed fate: followers flock to Islam, above, while Church of England pews remain empty, below

Christian churches in decline

CHURCHGOING is in decline but the country's mosques and temples are overflowing. Christian churches are estimated to have lost almost 1.3 million members since 1975, a 16 per cent fail. But other religions, such as Islam and Hinduism, have gained more than one million members, a 130 per cent rise.

Among the individual denominations, the number of adults attending Roman Catholic churches was down 14 per cent between 1979 and 1989; Methodist attendances were down 11 per cent, and Anglican 9 per cent. However, there was an increase of 42 per cent in the number attending the Independent Church, and increases of 8 and 4 per cent for the Pentecostal and Afro-Caribbean churches.

The proportion of 15 to 19year-olds attending Chris-tian churches fell from 13 to 9 per cent and, among 20 to

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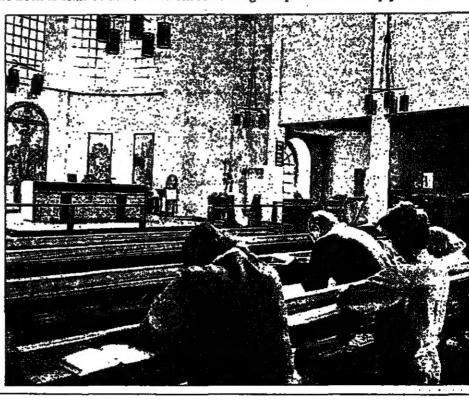
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Number of new heroin addicts rises sharply

have become addicted to hard drugs, according to Social Trends. The survey also shows that convictions for possession and supply are rising sharply.

The total number of drug offences dealt with by police and customs officers rose in 1990 to 45,000. In 1986 the figure was only only 24,000. Conviction for possession of uniawful drugs almost doubled over the four year period.

Doctors reported that the number of new heroin addicts increased from 5.639 in 1989 to 6.923 in 1990. Eight times as many people were

17 years ago. The rise was a reflection of doctors' awareness that they must report the number of addicts seeking treatment to the Home Office, the survey said.

Crimes against property accounted for the large majority of offences in 1990. Theft, particularly involving motor vehicles, and handling stolen goods made up half of all crimes logged in England and Wales in 1990, with almost 2.5 million recorded

The risk of being a victim of crime was higher among ethnic minority groups than

But there is a cost. By their

mid-30s. career women find

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maining men are poorly edu-

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and Afro-Caribbeans saw many of the offences commitred against them as racially motivated. "Being threatened and assaulted because of race is common. For Asians, evidence of a racial element in offences against their property is relatively frequent," the

survey said. Murder victims often knew their killers. About two thirds of male victims and four fifths of female victims were related to, or acquainted with, their attackers Forty-three per cent of the 226 women mur-dered in 1990 died at the hands of a lover or husband. Thirty-seven per cent of the 381 men victims were killed by attackers they knew, but only 9 per cent were mur-

dered by a wife or lover. Although in the country as a whole, just under a third of the 4.4 million recorded crimes were cleared up in 1990, rates varied sharply between offence groups and police force areas. Only a quarter of robberies, burglaries and criminal damage cases logged in England and Wales were cleared up. compared with three quarters of offences of violence against people. The clear-up rate ranged from 17 per cent in the Metropolitan police force area to 51 per cent in Gwent. Of the 4.4 million offences recorded, only 10,000 involved firearms — a rise of 9 per cent on 1989, but five times the number in 1972. The biggest increases in the use of firearms were in crimi-

nal damage and robbery. The number of prisoners fell slightly in 1990 to stand at 46,000, against 50,000 two years earlier. Ethnic minority groups made up a higher proportion of those in prison than they did of the

WI women forsake hymns for hims

WOMEN are giving up jam-making and hymn singing in favour of a freer association with the opposite sex.

Membership of women's voluntary organisations has plummered over the past 20 years. Both the National Federation of Women's Institutes and National Union of Townswomen's Guilds have lost more than 100,000 members each. Their members appear to have turned to paid work more leisure time with their families and other voluntary organisations that do not exdude men.

The women's institutes. however, still hold a commanding position in the voluntary scene with 319,000 members. The movement was founded in Canada 100 years ago and held its first meeting in Britain at Llan-fairpwil Gwynnedd, in 1915. Membership peaked at 467,000 in 1954 but has dropped back since the late

Changed animales to women's role in society are thought to be behind the dedine. "At a time of growing emphasis on equal opportunities, single gender organ-isations have less appeal," Foster Murphy, director of the Volunteer Centre, said. "With more women going out to work, in the spare time people have got they like to do things together."

Overall, more people are doing voluntary work than ever before. The National Associaton of Leagues of Hospital Friends has gained 100,000 members since 1971, a 40 per cent increase. and membership of many other organisations has

The South has the largest proportion of volunteers. Pro-fessionals are more likely to volunteer than other socio-economic groups and women more than men. But there is a mismatch between volunteers and epportunities in some areas. The National Trust, favoured by retired professionals; is turning people away in parts of the South-East while the St John Ambulance brigade is neglected.

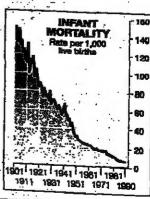
One of the greatest success stories has been the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme. inaugurated in 1956 as a programme of activities for young people run by volunteers. More than two million young people from all parts of the world have taken part since the scheme began. The number rose 40 per cent during the 1970s and 18 per cent during the 1980s. In 1990. 200,000 young people participated and gained 39,000

Infant deaths fall further

THE big fall in infant mortality is a measure of improving health and living standards. This was most pronounced in the first half of the century but the downward trend has continued. Since 1950 there have been only two occasions when infant mortality increased from one year to the

In 1990 the rate was 7.9 deaths for every 1,000 live births, a fall of one third from compared with 1981. But there remain wide differences between the social classes.

The rate was over /5 per cent higher for babies whose fathers were unskilled than for those whose fathers were professionals.



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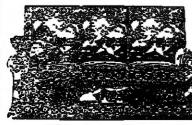


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More people choose to live on their own work that previously came only from the family.

MORE people in Britain are living alone. Single person households have grown from an eighth of the total in 1961 to more than a quarter in

Much of the growth is due to an increasing number of career women who choose to enjoy the company of men in the evenings or at weekends to avoid being landed with the traditional tasks of cleaning and cooking which still tend to fall to them if they live with a partner.

They also need relationships less as their careers have come to matter more, "There is always a conflict between the commitment you make to yourself and the need to be intimately associated with others," Chris Clulow, chairman of the Tavistock Institute of Marital Studies, London, said. "More women are taking the opportunity to get some of the satisfaction from

Studies Centre calls it a "mismatch in the marriage mar ket". This is reflected in growing childlessness. Among women now aged 46, only 10 per cent have no children but the proportion is expected to rise to 17 per cent among those now aged 36.
It is unclear, however,
where responsibility lies. It

may be that career women are becoming choosier about who they marry. Or it may be that men do not like marrying women more intelligent or successful than themselves.

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country's population. Young intent on saving the planet

vironment has increased significantly with most people ready to play their part in saving the planet. Many have modified their

behaviour by conserving energy and boycotting goods that might damage the environment. Sales of ozonefriendly aerosols have risen sharply, and there is a greater willingness to protect the landscape. Social Trends said that many would now pick up other people's litter. take their "empties" to a bottle bank and use alternative

transport to the car. There has been a consis-

PUBLIC concern over the en- tent growth in support for groups concerned with protecting the environment, the survey found. The National Trust, with more than two million members in 1990, was the most popular choice. Its membership had doubled in less than a decade. Support for Friends of the

Earth also showed "remarkable growth", with an increase of 92,000 members between 1981 and 1990. Young people were very much in the vanguard of the ercen movement: membership of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Oil pollution from tankers, rigs and other sources has increased with 764 separate incidents reported, the largest number over the past decade. Such accidents caused great damage to the marine environment and resulted in the death of birds, fish and

Also highlighted is the rowing threat to the quality of British water. In 1989-90 there were almost 27,000 pollution incidents, but only 309 prosecutions. One in every three cases was blamed on industry, and one in four on sewage leaking in the watincluded 116,000 children. er mains. Many native species have declined or become rare, the survey found, in particular insects. Three of Britain's 43 species of dragonfly have become extinct and a further 12 are vulnerable or declining and most of the country's 55 species of butterfly have declined significantly.

Flora, too, are at risk. Fourteen of the 1.425 species of native seed-bearing plants have become extinct.

Public concern about noise has increased. The number of complaints made to environmental health officers has more than trebled in the past ten years.



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Car makers accelerate production

Car production in Britain is set to rise to two million a year by the middle of the decade, Edward Leigh, the consumer affairs minister, said in a written reply. Last year 1,236,922 were built. He said the "outstanding export performance" of the industry over the past year had done much to alleviate the short-term difficulties caused by the slump.

Poisoned food

A steady rise in food poisoning has been reported to the Office of Population. Censuses and Surveys for England and Wales. Stephen Dorrell, the junior health minister, said there were 10,318 cases in 1980. 20,702 in 1984, 39,713 in 1988 and a provisional figure of 53,881 last year.

Businesses fail

The number of companies wound up in the High Court rose from 3,436 in 1989 to 5,037 in 1990, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; prime minister. Debates on Opposition motions on poverty and on Ravenacraig Lords (3): Local Government Finance Bill, commit-

LABOUR backbenchers yes-

terday staged a division

against a bill introduced by

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Ray Powell, Labour MP for

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ert Morgan writes).

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Autumn statement debate

Tories defy gloom over recession

BY OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

THE economic recovery has been much slower in coming than predicted, the Chancel-lor of the Exchequer admitted yesterday. But there were good grounds for believing that it would become firmly established this year. "The foundations are in place." Mr Lamont told MPs.

Opening the debate on his

autumn statement on government spending plans, Mr Lamont confirmed that he would present his Budget on March 10. While not anticipating what would be in it, he pledged: "We will continue our prudent stewardship of public finances, in sharp contrast to the reckless promises and muddled menaces of the party opposite."

He praised industry for keeping up exports despite difficult conditions and said that manufacturers and retailers were reacting in exactly the right way to weak demand — cutting prices. It was pure folly to imagine, as Labour did, that Britain could isolate itself from the world economy, he said.

One reason for the fall in home demand was a rise in savings, he said. Many people, having incurred large debts in the late 1980s, were

Division shows Sunday solidarity

Shops (Amendment) Bill

under the ten-minute rule

without a voice raised against

it. But a group of Labour

MPs forced a division and it

was brought in by 224 votes

to 4. Bruce Grocott, Labour

MP for The Wrekin, said that

as the vote showed over-

whelming support for the bill

the government should bring

in legislation immediately.
Under the measure, which

now repaying them and building up savings. In the long run, however, increased savings would help to finance investment, reduce real interest rates and strengthen the economy. "That means that recovery will be stronger and more soundly based," he said.

Mr Lamont admitted that the recession had caused hardship. But it was irresponsible to talk about a neverending recession, as Labour did. He quoted promises made by members of the shadow cabinet and asked whether these were pledges or empty words. At least, he said, people had known what Labour intended to do on taxes - to raise them.

Referring to a dinner at an Italian restaurant where Mr Kinnock reportedly told journalists that Labour could phase in higher national insurance payments, he told the Opposition leader: "I don't know if it was the effect of the Frascati, but you seem to have been in a very expansive mood." The dinner had cost Labour its last vestige of cred-ibility on taxation, he said.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, accused Mr Lamont of trying to divert attention from forecasts of

Mr Powell said had support

from all the churches, as well

as trade unions, the Keep

Sunday Special Campaign

and many retailers, only des-

ignated shops would be

allowed to open on Sunday.

He said that a small group of

big companies were chang-

The bill has no chance of

being debated again before

ing the British way of life.



Building a boom: the foundations for economic recovery are in place. Lamont says

growth in the autumn statement which he characterised as "rubbish". "We are still declining in this country rather than expanding. We are at the very best bumping along the bottom," he said.

Mr Smith accused the Chancellor of making the forecasts with an eye to a November election. Disputing claims that Britain would be the first country out of recession, he accused Mr Lamont of having the "non-Midas touch". Every area where recovery was predicted

went the opposite way.

Tory MPs retaliated by putting Mr Smith under pressure to explain how Labour would pay for its pledges to uprate child benefit and increase the state pension. Mr Smith said: "We will be able to raise - from increases in the top rate of income tax. and from taking the upper limit off national insurance contributions - more than enough money to pay for our

Mr Lamont said Labour's package would not be self-financing and its higher rates of tax would bring in only £1.25 billion in the first year, not £2.5 billion as they claimed. "The money is not there," he said.

Mr Smith was also challenged on Labour's plans to tax income on savings over £3,000 on the grounds that this would hit 750,000 basic rate taxpayers. He said: "The purpose of our changes is to treat unearned and earned income in exactly the same way, and I think that is a firstclass principle that should be there in all taxation systems." Alan Beith, the Liberal

Democrat spokesman, said try, trade and energy. that long-term measures were needed to deal with long-term problems, starting with serious investment in the education system. Investment was also needed in transport, he said. That could have been done earlier in the recession. It would have been better to get the links for the Channel tunnel established in time, at the same time countering the cyclical effects of the Michael Howard has de-

Budget date, page 1

Confident Major plots a Whitehall reshuffle

It is a measure of renewed Tory confidence that ministers are speculating once more how Whitehall might be reshaped by a second Major administration and what effect this might have on cabinet dispositions. It marks, too, another gentle break with Thatcherism.

Mrs Thatcher had no taste for fiddling with the shape of Whitehall. She did offer to upgrade the Ministry of Agriculture to a department when she recalled Peter Walker to put him in charge, but he waived the chance of being a secretary of state. Generally Mrs Thatcher saw the creation of super-departments in Edward Heath's day as something which diverted ministers from policy implementation.

By contrast, John Major has been studying the ques-tion for months, reckoning that after 11 years with no changes save the splitting of the SS from DHSS. changes are needed to ensure that Whitehall delivers a better service.

Few in the cabinet expect the Department of Energy to survive long into the next parliament, although John Wakeham, the energy secretary, is anxious to keep together the privatisation expensise of a key group of civil servants. That can be done just as easily, it is argued, in a revamped Department of Trade and Industry with separate ministers of state for indus-

The Department of Education casts covetous eyes on the employment department's training role; its benefit functions would be a natural fit with the De-partment of Social Security; and its role in tourism and small firms are a relic of the days when Lord Young of Graffham swung around Whitehall acquiring random responsibility.

DOLITICAL NOTEBOOK By ROBIN OAKLEY

veloped political clout at employment. But in doing so he has underlined how the employment secretary's job leaves plenty of time for pure politics now that Acas ensures it is no longer the beer and sandwiches depariment of industrial negotiations.

Peter Lilley, as trade sec-retary, argues forcibly that employment's training functions should escape the dutches of the education department and come to

The problem is that too many roads are leading to the DTI, threatening the creation of a mammoth department.

The old argument about

the closeness of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to the land and sea industries' producers has been weakened somewhat as the farming lobbies rail at the supposedly tough deal they are now getting. But although some still argue that the farmers could be treated along with the rest of industry by the DTI while MAFF's environmental and planning functions go to employment, that option has been ruled out.

Heseltine: due for cabinet promotion

When it's time for

minister for Europe in the cabinet is clearly subsiding as departmental ministers fear delegation of matters they would like to keep in their own hands. And there is pressure from Lord Waddington for another cabinet minister in the Lords.

There must be promotion after the election, it is agreed, for Michael Heseltine. Kenneth Clarke is now a figure of serious weight in the cabinet and reckoned to be in line for one of the big three jobs. If the election is won there must be a front-line job for party chairman Chris Patten. And Michael Howard and David Mellor have established their claims for promotion. But where are they all to be accommodated, especially if the prime minister feels that he cannot go through his first reshuffle without putting a woman in the cabinet?

Since the law permits only 21 to be paid as cabinet ministers, that leaves two vacancies. Douglas Hurd is reckoned to be immovable so long as he wants to go on as foreign secretary. Many colleagues feel that Norman Lamont, having taken the hear for all of them these past three months, would be entitled to a spell as peactime chancellor.

Michael Heseltine refused the chance of the Home Office once before and Chris Patten's appointment to that role might unsettle the right. So a reluctant Kenneth Clarke might well inherit that crown of thorns with Mr Patten taking on education, while the revamping of the DTI could make it an attractive enough post for Mr Heseltine. The snag is that if the energy and employment departments were to be dismantled. there would be two fewer cabinet posts to bestow.

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Breath of fresh air to revive stuffy pyramid

MODERN air conditioning might soon be fitted to the Great Pyramid at Giza. the only surviving wonder of the ancient world, to remove stale and humid air caused by the millions of visitors.

The idea is being studied by a team of archaeologists and engineers at the German Archaeological Institute in Cairo, following concern that the pyramid was becoming inhospitable for tourists. Zahi Hawass, director-general of antiquites for the pyramids area, said: "Nobody has done anything about this air since Cheops' time, 4,500 years ago, and it is getting to be a originate in the so-called real problem. queen's chamber' below.

Before the Gulf war, two million visitors went to Egypt and most clambered into the pyramid, but many complained of shortness of breath, eye irritations and claustrophobia caused by the heat, perspiration and poor ventilation in the cramped burial chamber. The difficulties are likely to become insufferable by 1995, when the number of visitors to Egypt is expected to rise to a five

Studies carried out over recent weeks have discovered

The 4,500-year-old air in Cheops's tomb is taking its toll on tourists, Nick Nuttall reports

that the two curious channels. some 9in or 1ft in diameter. leading from the king's chamber to the exterior of the pyramid have become blocked by dust sand and perhaps stones. The channels, emerging to the north and south, were almost certainly built to allow the pharaoh's spirit to escape to the stars, Egyptologists now believe. Two other channels



but are thought to end before reaching the outer wall.

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Eiddon Edwards, the leading authority on the pyramids and a former keeper of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum in London, said: The north one was directed on the circumpolar stars where, according to one belief, the king was supposed to spend part of the next life. The southern one was directed on the constellation of Orion, and that again was thought to be a desirable resi-

dence."
Under the institute's plan. long brushes will be forced up the vents from the burial chamber to clear the debris in March. Rainer Stadelmann, director of the institute, said that it was then proposed to fit a mechanical ventilation system in the south channel to bring in fresh air from the northern channel and the

main entrance.
Dr Edwards welcomed the scheme: "The Great Pyramid is very stuffy, it always has been. What they are propos-ing would seem sensible. The wind in Egypt almost invariably blows from the north, so it would make a great deal of sense to take air in from the northern channel."

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Well versed: the poet Roger McGough taking a workshop at Newstead Wood School for girls, in Orpington, Kent. Eighteen pupils aged 14 to 17 were chosen to work with him yesterday in preparation for a poetry evening. Mr McGough, who read in public for the first time some poems he wrote last week, said: "I was delighted with their

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response. I think they quite liked the idea that I was trying new work out on them. It let them see the craft involved in writing poetry." The girls wrote their own poems in the afternoon then discussed them with Mr McGough, who will join them in performing a mixture of his work and theirs at the school later this year.

Voyage of discovery

Cape Cassaveral: The US shuttle Discovery was launched carrying seven astronauts, including a Canadian woman, on a week-long research mission. The crewwill conduct about 55 phys-

Old tricks

Nottingham: At the age of 86 magician Tom Good-band has been given a statuette on becoming the first person to notch up 50 years

Young reading Paris: Bans on the sale to minors of Henry Miller's Sexus, the first volume of his

Slow justice Delki: After a nine year trial, a court sentenced Noor Ah-

acupuncture therapy to help drug addicts

Manchester: Winnie Manfrom a Manchester Polytechnic building named after her but student demands to re-name it The Bruce Forsyth Building have been refused.

Card is key to locking out car thieves

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

ENGINEERS at Ford are developing an anti-theft lock system operated by a "smart card" which could be available on its cars in two years.

With car crimes running at a million a year, Britain's biggest car maker has told its engineers at the Dunton research centre in Essex to develop new ways of out-smarting criminals. The company already fits deadlocks to its models but high performance cars, such as the 150mph Sierra Cosworth, are as much a target for professional criminals as for joyriders.

Engineers have come up with a solution which would give Ford owners a card, similar to a bank cashpoint card. After the door is opened, the car still cannot be started until the card is inserted and a personal identification number punched into the dashboard controls.

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, admitted that the development was a response to the changing cli-mate of opinion against highperformance cars. About one in ten Fiestas and Escons sold are high-performance models, capable of up to 130mph, and more are planned.

But insurers say that such cars are up to five times more likely to be stolen than ordinary saloons, and premiums have been raised by as much as 80 per cent this year for owners of the cars most at risk A Ford Escort XR3i is classified in insurance group 13 by the Association of British Insurers. An Escort 1.4LX, on which the highperformance model is based, is in group five.

Mr McAllister said that the smart card system could be available on Ford's high-performance range in two years and on all the company's models shortly after that Similar systems are already available but cost £200 or more. Ford's system will be built in to the car with the controlling micro-chip manufactured as part of the engine management computer. A second key could be used, but engineers favour the smart card as easier to use and more acceptable to drivers.

Mr McAllister said: "Clear y a system which adds £200 to the cost of a car which already has an alarm and deadlocks is too expensive. We are working on ways to build the whole system into the vehicle, but we have to put more power into the engine management computer

like this is a response to the owners of Ford cars to feel as secure as possible and this system, operated either by a smart card or second person-al key, would offer an inge

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ics and biology experiments in the \$1bn European-built research laboratory.

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trilogy. The Rosy Crucifixion, and two books by the Marquis de Sade have been lifted. (AFP)

wife's nose. (AP)

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Old rivals receive joint peace prize

President de Klerk of South commentator" by Queen's Africa and Nelson Mandela, University in Belfast, the African National Congress leader, will be in Paris on February 3 to receive Unesco's Felix Houphouet-Boigny peace prize. The £80,000 prize in the name of the Ivory Coast president has been awarded to them by an international jury headed by Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State.

Turkmenistan has invited President Raisanjani of Iran to pay a formal visit. The president, who is keen to build ties with Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union, is expected to accept.

Burglars stole paintings, silverware and porcelain worth £80,000 from Sir Peter Emery, the Conservative MP for Honiton, when they raided his Axminster, Devon, home.

Edward Hardwicke, the actor who plays Dr Watson in the TV series Sherlock Holmes, has been brought up to date with methods of criminal investigation. He narrates Murder Squad, starting next month, in which film crews shadowed Metropolitan Police murder squads.

John Cole, the BBC's Ulster-

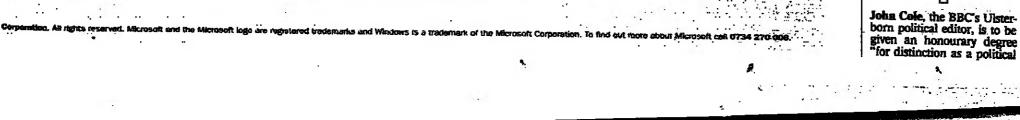
star, has admitted at a Beverly Hills court to hitting a woman he met in a restau-rant. Idol, aged 36, whose real name in William Broad. faces a maximum sentence of



Houston are both on a list of -the most costly concert flops in America last summer. Promoters lost almost £3 million on tours with Houston, the third-biggest loss producer, and Ross, the sixth. Alice Cooper was the biggest flop.

John McCarthy, the former hostage in Lebanon, is to be best man at the August wedding of Chris Pearson, a television producer, who was president of the Friends of John McCarthy. They first met at Hull university in 1976. Mr Pearson's fiancee is

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The time it takes a Microsoft Windows user to learn to use

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Fundamentalist leader arrested

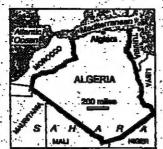
Algiers regime curbs mosque politics

THE leader of Algeria's Muslim fundamentalist party, Ab-deikader Hachani, was arrested yesterday as the government announced that all assembly around mosques had been banned, the official state radio reported.

The Islamic Salvation Front said that Mr Hachani. its acting president, had been arrested in Badjara, a suburb of Algiers and a party strong-hold. Mr Hachani was with three other people at the time of his arrest, the party said. The others were released. Mr Hachani's whereabouts were not known, the party said.

The Muslim leader, aged 36, has been serving as head of the party since the arrest last June of two party leaders, Abassi Madani and Ali Belhaj, in a government crack-down. He presided over the sweeping gains made by the fundamentalists during first-round voting for parliament, the first free national elections since Algerian indepen-

dence from France in 1962. The arrest has been anticipated for several days. On Friday, the salvation front announced that 500 people had been arrested since the military-backed government took over on January 12. In a weekend interview, Mr-Hachani said that he would not resist arrest. "If they take me, I'll go with them," he said.



But they will bear the responsiblity before the

Mr Hachani, a former perrochemical engineer with the state-run oil company, Sonstrach and a teacher at the Algerian Institute for Petro-leum, is considered a relative moderate among fundamentalists. About the time be was arrested, the government announced that it was banning all public assembly around mosques.

"All gatherings around mosques are officially forbidden, no matter what the day or hour," the prefecture of Algiers said. The ban came two days before Friday prayers, the traditional political forum for the salvation front. and undermines the ability of the party to organise opposition activities. Since being recognised as a legal party in 1989, mosques have been the primary place for party lead-

said that all pavements, streets, squares and other othsively for circulation". The move by the new militarybacked rulers to diminish the influence and power of the Muslim radicals seemed certain to increase tensions.

The salvation front called on the army on Tuesday to "rid the people" of the authorities now in power. The full cabinet met yesterday for the first time since the military forced President Chadli Benjedid to resign on January 11 and cancelled run-off elections that would have given the salvation front control of parliament. The ban led the agenda of the cabinet meeting presided over by Muhammad Boudiaf, leader of the high security council.

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Crash survivor: Romain Duclos, aged nine, recovering in a Strasbourg hospital yesterday

Pilots chatted as disaster neared

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS AND HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPNDENT

CONVERSATION in the cockpit of the fated Air Inter A 320 was completely normal. with pilots clearly having no idea they were about to smash into the side of a mountain, first indications from one of the aircraft's black-box recorders showed yesterday. Eighty-seven people were killed when the airliner crashed outside Barr, near Strasbourg, on Monday evening. Only nine passengers

"A preliminary run-through of the cabin tape shows just ordinary exchanges," Pierre-Henri Gourgeon, the director of France's Civil Aviation Authority, said yesterday.

Investigators who listened to the tapes of the pilots' conversations in the last few moments believe that they were either convinced they were nearer Strasbourg than they actually were and began their final approach too early, or that they had descended much earlier and were flying deliberately low, forgetting that there were mountains in their path.

Mr Gourgeon said the second, more important black box, which records flight data, was burned for a long period after the crash, and badly

damaged.Investigators may retrieve some flight informa-tion from a third, less sophisticated recorder, installed by the airline on many of its planes. The machine, known as the QAR, may explain why the aircraft was flying at such a low altitude.

In the absence of any indication as to the cause of the accident there was no reason. for the moment for his authority to suspend the use of the A320. Mr Gourgeon

Sean Lea, a spokesman for Airbus, said the company "acknowledged the state-ment" by the authority and confirmed that a team of engineers from its Toulouse base had travelled to Barr to help investigators. He said Airbus would prefer not to comment on the enquiry and had not sent condolences to the families of the victims.

"That is for Air Inter to do. We clearly believe that our aircraft is absolutely perfect. but that's not what's at stake at the moment," he added.

China to join in peace talks

Peking: David Levy, Israel's foreign minister, arrived here yesterday for a visit to establish diplomatic ties. Hours after his arrival, China confirmed that it would take part in the Middle East peace talks in Russia next week. It will be the first time that Peking has participated in

Tear gas attack

the negotiations. (Reuter)

Brazzaville: Troops fired tear gas in a vain effort to disperse crowds of pro-democracy protesters who escorted André Milongo, the prime minister, to a meeting to discuss the army's bid to oust him. (AP)

Burial claim

Baghdad: The Iraqi newspaper, al-Jumhuriya, has reported that a mass grave, filled with the bodies of Iraqi soldiers who were buried alive by allied troops during the Gulf war, has been discovered in southern Iraq. (AFP)

Up in smoke

Jebel Ali: Dubai has burnt 12 tonnes of ivory and rhinocerous horn in a public display of compliance with the United Nations ban on their export and trading. (Reuter)

Tehran opposes **UN** vote

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CALIRO

LIBYA has received backing from countries as far apart as Iran and Egypt in the Middle East over its refusal to surrender two intelligence agents accused by the United Nations of causing the Lockerbie

Yesterday, Iran criticised a UN resolution calling for ran Radio claimed it reflected American influence and a rejection of Libyan offers to resolve the matter through international arbitration.

There can be no doubt about the need to combat the phenomenon of terrorism in all its guises," the radio said. "But the fight against terrorism should not be selective; international laws should not be ignored and the sovereign rights of countries should not be violated under the guise of combating

On the eve of the UN vote, ali Egyptian political parties, including the ruling National Democratic party, and a meeting of the Egyptian-domi-nated Union of Arab Lawyers, expressed solidarity with Libya. Egypt has seen a rapid improvement in ties with Libya since diplomatic relations were restored in 1989 after a 13-year break, and considerable popular hostility is expected to any attempt to impose selective sanctions, as suggested by Western diplomats, if the two agents were

Atom cargo for Libya is seized

FROM IAN MURRAY

AMERICAN-MADE atomic-programme equipment, bound for Libya, has been seized by German customs at Frankfurt airport acting on information from secret ser-vice agents. The shipment was on board an aircraft al-ready chared for take off when the pilot was ordered to

The seizure was made on December 10 last year, but an announcement was withheld pending enquiries in the United States. Investigators are still seeking evidence of other possible shipments.

The blocked consignment, including laser equipment and a range of items capable of being used for military or civilian purposes, was being sent to an office in Libya which. German experts say, is known to be a procurement agency for the Libyan missile programme. The items had been obtained from an American manufacturer by a Dutch company, which had then forwarded them through Frankfurt to Tripoli. The United States asked Germany to intervene after Dutch authorities said they lacked the necessary legal

Dieter Vogel, the Bonn government spokesman, said the cabinet had been forced to block shipments of such equipment to Libya because the Bundestag has so far failed to pass a draft law limiting exports of this kind.

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Hollywood crew goes to the Haj

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

For the first time in the history of Tinseltown, a Hollywood film crew has been inside Mecca and permitted by the Saudi authorities to film the Haj, the annual pilgrim-age to Islam's holiest city.

The move has surprised many diplomatic observers in the Middle Fast, conscious of official Saudi antagonism to Western values. It is seen as an attempt to popularise the image of Islam when it is under attack from many quarters.

Spike Lee, the black film director, disclosed that the remarkable dispensation had been granted to a crew working on his US\$25 million Warner Brothers account of the life of the black activist Malcolm X, assassinated in 1965.

Normally, Mecca and the second holiest Muslim shrine of Medina are closed to all outsiders. with Christians rigidly barred. The film crew were all Muslims, but Lee angrily denied that any of

them had converted for the occasion, as reported in the Egyptian press. "It was the first time Hollywood has been allowed into Mecca," Lee told the American cultural institute in Cairo. "I do not think Hollywood would ever have treated

The Saudis could hard-ly have picked a more controversial Muslim than Malcolm X for Mecca's celluloid debut. As Detroit Red, he was a pimp and drug pedlar who turned to the black Muslims while in jail and became a minister and prophet of black pride.

islam the way we will treat it in this film."

After performing his own Haj in 1964, Malcolm X split from the black Muslims and embraced a more orthodoxand global view of Islam, rejecting his previously held belief that whites were inherently evil. He was gunned down soon after by assassins in New: York's Audabon ballroom while giving a speech.

America stirs Old World animosities in aid tussle



Mitterrand: will not bow to Washington

JUST below the surface of the Washington conference on aid to the former Soviet Union, strains are appearing between Europe and America which have not been felt for more than a decade.

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, put **European Community noses** badly out of joint by summoning them to co-ordinate international efforts to help the new Commonmwealth of Independent States. France has declined to send its foreign minister, dispatching a junior minister instead.

The Portuguese govern-ment, now in the EC chair, lobbied this week for the Community to speak immediately after Mr Baker, but appeared only partly molli-

Community and the US over the Soviet aid conference and Gatt talks, George Brock writes from Brussels that Europe alone could not

American forces, are now

needed to ferry food east-

But these rows are petty

jealousies compared to the

mounting tensions over the

General Agreement on Tar-

iffs and Trade talks, which

have been deadlocked for

minated" scheme.

Strains are emerging between the

lege, and by a second speaking slot yesterday. "This is better than it was, even though it is not exactly what the Community deserves," a spokesman said.

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What several European governments think that the EC deserves is the leadership of this international effort. Europe is putting up the bulk of the money for the peaceful dismantling of the Soviet empire, European diplomats say, yet America is still running the show.

The uncomfortable truth is

disagreements over farm subsidies. Efforts are under way to patch up a settlement before Easter, but the fiveyear negotiation is already entangled in rows over trade and protectionism in the American presidential election campaign.

cope with the massive relief "I will not let American effort which may now be needed. The resources of agriculture disarm unilaterally," President Bush told a Nato, underpinned by recent gathering of disgruntled farmers. "Sooner or later the EC must stop hiding wards. The French governbehind its own iron curtain ment is still campaigning of protectionism." against this "American-do-

Open challenges in that kind of language, which Mr Bush avoided using throughout last year, signal that for the White House re-election is now more important than the trade talks. French politi-

nearly a year by transatlantic cians, defensive about agriculture and always the most sensitive to American pressure, responded to Mr Bush in kind. "France is not ready to bow to American demands, nor to submit to the interests of any country, and will not give way," said President Mitterrand.

M Mitterrand's traditional scorn for America echoed that of Jacques Delors, the EC Commission president M Delors, who would play a crucial role if Europe is to make any last-minute concessions, told a radio interviewer last year that whether Europe became truly European or an American Europe would depend on the outcome of such a tussle. "I will judge the future of Europe ... by the way the 12 coun-

tries react. If they bow their heads because it is the United States, and in spite of the fact that their case is good, then Europe will not become anything."
Few EC governments

believe the case for the Common Agricultural Policy is as good as the French think. But so far John Major has been unable to persuade Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to use his weight to break French opposition to a world trade deal.

Such a deal might boost the world economy out of ion but the price would be paid by the smallholders of France and Germany. Now is an unfavourable moment to go against France," one German commentator said recently.

"There are many problems with the Franco-German relationship."

America has stood on the sidelines as the EC has taken the leading role in Yugoslavia and over trade and aid arrangements in Eastern Europe. But the stakes are higher over helping the for-mer Soviet republics and over new rules for world trade. James Dobbins, the new American ambassador to the EC, said this week that failure in the Gatt talks "could begin to erode the core relationship between the United States and Westem Europe upon which any broader vision of co-operation is based :

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EC shelves idea for meat auctions in Russia

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

AS SENIOR Western officials met in Washington to discuss the co-ordination of aid to the former Soviet Union, the first convoys of Western lorries, travelling under police escort, arrived in central Moscow to deliver butter and meat to the city's cold stores. The food is part of an emergency aid effort for Moscow and St Petersburg initiated by the European

Community Yesterday also saw the first distribution of British beef in the Arctic city of Murmansk. The beef, which was rejected in Moscow because of Russian regulations on BSE, the "mad cow disease", had been held in city warehouses since its arrival three weeks ago. It is now being distributed to the city's 100,000 children

free of charge, 21b per child. The EC emergency aid programme, which aims to supply 200 million ecu (E142 illion) worth of food to Russia's two biggest cities before the end of March, is cautiously being judged a success. But this does not mean that there are no difficulties. The head of the European Commission office in Moscow, Michael Emerson, said yesterday that the idea of auctioning large quantities of butter and meat

Moscow in drive to sell arms

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW is engaged in an 'aggressive campaign" to market its technologically most advanced weaponry to boost desperately needed export earnings, according to an unclassified Nato report. However, the volume of

arms deliveries by the former Soviet Union to less developed countries has dropped by 50 per cent since 1987 and the decline is expected to accelerate, the report by the Nato economic committee said. There had been some significant currency-earning sales, including two squad-rons of Su27 Flanker fighter aircraft to China. The latest fighter aircraft design, the multirole Su37, was already on offer, even though it would not be available for five years.

Efforts to sell to traditional customers outside the Soviet bloc, such as the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia and Thailand, showed no sign of generating exports, particu-larly in the wake of the defeat of the Soviet-armed Iraqi forces, according to Soviet Economic Performance in 1991, a Weak Foundation for a New Political Beginning. The decline in arms exports and a cut in domestic defence procurement had begun to disrupt some weapons programmes even before the failed coup last August. Now, many defence industrial plants were suffering "severe cash flow problems because of falling military orders".

Attempts to convert part of the defence industry to civilian production had also fallen short of the planned goals. • Kawait accord: Britain and Kuwait are to sign a defence

pact during a visit to London by the emirate's defence minister next month. Tom King. the defence secretary, said yesterday. Contracts would be worth about £100 million. according to British sources.

had been postponed. The Commission was now setting the wholesale price, in coordination with the two city

programme whose purpose is not only to provide food for a poorly supplied market, but to try to form and then help to stabilise that market. The original intention was that much of the of the food would be sold at auction to wholesalers and shop managers and that the auctions would help determine a realistic market price for such goods. Yesterday, Mr Emerson

said that auctions would take too long to arrange and that there were many rules and regulations that had to be observed. He hinted, but would not confirm, that the idea had met resistance from potential competitors in the incipient commodity exchanges. Now, the Commisroubles per kilo for meat and 56 roubles for butter (£0.62 and £0.70 pence respectively at the tourist rate of exchange) in Moscow. The first sales began last Sunday — the proceeds are earmarked for social programmes - and the butter is now being sold at 23 shops in northern Moscow. Here, too, however, not all is running smoothly. Mr Emerson admitted to a few teething problems which included some profiteering by shop

The Commission defends the notion of food sales, first on the ground that it is deliberate intervention in a nonexistent market in an attempt to limit speculation in scarce domestic production and, second, to avoid the experience of last year when much foreign food aid was diverted to the black market. If it is going to be sold, their argument runs, it is better that the profits be controlled and used for social support rather than filling the pockets of

l'okyo: Japan is hiring scientists from the former Soviet Union, including nuclear re-searchers, but is keeping a low-profile to avoid headhunting accusations, according to reports here. (AFP)

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Fistful of roubles: a bank official in Moscow displaying the new 500-rouble note yesterday, which is to be issued in response to the steep rise in prices. The highest denomination previously was 200 roubles

Armenian rebels 'hold generals'

BY BRUCE CLARK IN SUKHUMI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A GROUP of Armenian fighters was reported vesterday to have captured two Russian commanders and held them to ransom against the military hardware they were taking out of the republic. The report underlines the risks attending the withdrawal of former Soviet forces from the troubled region of the Transcaucasus.

The Interfax news agency said the commander of the Transcaucasus military district. Colonel-General Valeri Patrikeyev, and the commander of the Seventh army, Major-General Meshcheryakov, were captured at Yerevan airport on Tuesday night. Their captors were said to have demanded the return to the republic of 14 MiG24

helicopters. The details of the story, but not its substance, were subsequently denied by General Patrikeyev. Contacted by the Tass news agency by tele-phone, he said that he had arrived in Yerevan from the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, on Tuesday to report to the Armenian president on Friday's conference of army officers in

"Other problems were also discussed," he said. "The leadership of the republic in particular posed the question of the return to Armenia of helicopters which had been transferred long before to oth-



er regions for various reasons, including repairs." He said that General Meshcheryakov was fulfilling his normal

Members of the former Soviet high command have said on several occasions that regular troops would be withdrawn from the Transcaucasus if the security situation worsened, and a withdrawal of central forces from the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh (predominantly Armenian but administered by Azerbaijan) was completed earlier this month.

Troops remain in other parts of the three republics. although they have maintained neutrality in Georgia's civil war. Whatever the truth of the Armenian episode, it shows the republics may be happy to see the back of the former Soviet troops, but may fight to keep the hardware.

Rita puts Tass staff in a spin

By Mary Dejevsky

STAFF at two of the former Soviet Union's most entrenched media outlets - the Tass and Novosti news agencies - were up in arms last night after publication of a decree amalgamating them into a single Russian agency. The decree, signed by Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, yesterday, said that the new agency would be called Rita - the Russian Informa-

tion Telegraph Agency. Mikhail Poltoranin, Russia's minister of information. said the new agency was oper-ating using the current Tass lines. He told the media committee of the Russian parliament that the agency would be under the jurisdiction of the Russian government. He said the present director of Tass, Vitali Ignatenko, would not be nominated for the new post. Mr Ignatenko was Mr Gorbachev's chief spokesman

until last September.

The parliament's media committee has objected to the new arrangements, and sent a formal request to Mr Yeltsin to postpone the its implementation. The position of Tass, never a wholehearted supporter of reform, has been complicated several times since August. As the official news agency, it was used to transmit the first official declarations of the emergency coup committee, and despite valiant resistance by some of its editors, who increasingly transmitted material showing the breadth of Russian resistance, its reputation was never completely salvaged.

Even the subsequent ap-

pointment of Mr Ignatenko. a known reformist, as director and its transfer to independent status were not enough to save an agency so closely associated with all the Soviet Union's old regimes. With the dissolution of the Soviet Union after Mr Gorbachev's resignation in December, the agency was further handicapped by its title - Telegraph Agency of the Soviet Union. This was subtly altered to read Telegraph Agency of the Countries of the Commonwealth.

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for a new post

heads for steel strike From IAN MURRAY

Germany

of pay talks collapsed.

The engineering union and employers both said they would rather face a stoppage than make further conces-

economy.

He told foreign journalists

described as unacceptable.

The high cost of unification lies behind the unusually tough stance of both sides The union, which has four million members, says wage earners have had to pay more than their fair share for the restructuring of the East through an income tax surcharge and extra value-added tax on cigarettes, heating fuel

and petrol. and lead to recession.

were not far apart when the steel negotiations broke down after 14 hours. The union, IG Metall, said it was ready to drop its 10.5 per cent claim to a package costing no more than 6.15 per cent.

their offer from 4.9 per cent to 5.7 per cent. But neither side was prepared to go any further, and the union will ballot its members on Sunday, confident that it will get the 75 per cent support needed to call a strike. • London: Fears about lab-

our unrest softened the mark on the foreign exchange mar-kets, but trading was general-ly subdued, with investors displaying caution ahead of the Group of Seven finance ministers meeting in Washington next weekend, at which currencies are expected to be an important topic.

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reers - for instance, choos-

ing unloved but better-paid

jobs, or low-paid jobs that

give them more time at

home or having to break

shop-floor solidarity by cur-

rying favour with the boss.

In the East, the choices

were more formidable and

there was little or no moral

equipment to cope. The

opening of the Stasi files is

fracturing lives and destroy-

Croatia urges pressure

THE most powerful trade union in Germany was on course yesterday for the first strike in the German steel industry for nearly a decade after a marathon last round

Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, backed the stand by the employers when he said "reasonable" wage settlements were essential to bring down inflation and stabilise the German economy, in which any weaknesses were due to developments in the world

that there was no recessive tendency in Germany's development "as long as we are reasonable with wage settlements". Inflation is currently at 4.2 per cent, which he

"We cannot have inflation rates at these levels," he said. "We must get back to our old levels, and the sooner the better. I think with reasonable wage settlements this

Employers insist that meeting the claim will start a wage spiral which will fire inflation

On the face of it, the sides

The employers had raised

on Serbia Zaerch: Leaders of Croatia.

hands of Serb-led forces. have urged the international community to force Serbia to "capitulate" and to belp disarm the Yugoslav army. Despite minor incidents, the latest ceasefire — the 15th

in the seven-month war appeared to be holding for a 20th day. Federal and Cro-atian military leaders, who are striving to strengthen the truce and pave the way for the deployment of United Na-tions peacekeepers, failed to agree on terms for the army's withdrawal from Croatia, officials said.

The talks, held in the southern Hungarian city of Pecs, broke down over whether the iederal army should pull out of the parts of Croatia where no presence of UN peace keepers is planned. But both sides at the seven-hour talks agreed to uphold and extend the latest truce. (AP).

Austria alert

Vienna: President Waldheim. shunned internationally be-cause of his wartime role in the German army, has spo-ken out against a wave of neo-Nazi activity in Austria. He said that it was necessary to be on constant guard agains destructive powers. (Reuter)

Deadly cost

Moscow: Price rises have led to an increase in suicides in Lenin's native town of Ulyanovsk, Tass reported, based on Russian interior ministry information. The news agency said the suicides reflected falling living standards among the poor. (Reuter)

Guilty secret

Bangkok: Stephen Harris, a Briton accused of possessing 7lb of heroin, has changed his plea to guilty after telling a Thai court that his lawyer had told him to plead not guilty, then demanded extortionate fees to defend him. He faces life imprisonment. (Reuter)

Colony plea

Hong Kong: The legislative council voted 22 votes to 21 not to criticise London for announcing the retirement of the governor. Sir David Wilson, without appointing a successor, but asked it to take local views into account when making a decision. (AFP)

Vatican talks

Rome: The Pope has wel-comed news that Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches are to restart talks next month. They broke down last October over the role of the Ukrainian Catholic church, which owes allegiance to the Pope. (Reuter)

Testing time

Seoul: President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea replaced his education minister after outrage over the theft of nationwide college entrance test papers. Cho Wan Kyoo. the former president of Seoul National University, succeeds Yoon Hyoung Sup. (Renter)

Markov action

Sofia: General Vlado Todorov, the former Bulgarian imelligence chief who faces charges in the case of Georgi Markov, the dissident writer killed with a poisoned umbrella tip in London in 1978. has been put under house arrest, his lawyers said. (AFP)

licopters swooped low and one officer opened fire with a pistol to try to scare sharks. swimming near surfers off Manly beach, back out to sea. Their efforts were only partially successful as the sharks later returned. (AFP)

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Shark swoop

Sydney: Australian police he-

Snooping machine creaks on in Eastern Europe refused and against the odds managed to prosper, Westerners have to make

coves in the high marbled lobby of Bulgaria's infamous interior ministry but there is a shoeshine

From this vantage point, polishing shoes with Prus-sian thoroughness, one can watch the parade of informers and agents flash their identity cards and disappear into the bureaucratic fortress.

They come in all shapes and sizes: paunchy taxi drivers: sharp-featured middleaged men with shoulder bags: a few students; a woman old enough to be a grandmother, a worker with a tattoo on his hand. All this, and more, in 20 minutes one Friday afternoon. Yordan Sokolov, the inte-

rior minister, is quite differ-

ent from his employees, an urbane, well-tailored lawyer

whose mild attempts at car-

rying out a purge — 81 offi-cers went out of 20,000 —

have caused much wailing

from the police establishment. The fact is that the secret police was not a rotten tooth fit for extraction when communism fell: spying and informing were part of life, a job that helped to feed thousands of families, reaching every corner of society. The fear of these spies is evaporating, but the

agents carry on filing re-

ports chronicling indiscre-

tions and affairs. Not much

is done about this informa-

tion nowadays, yet it is diffi-

The communist ideology may have

melted away but the domestic spy

networks it spawned have a life of their

own, Roger Boyes reports

cult to stop the machine or change its course. Elena lives in a cramped apartment in central Sofia. full of children and drying blouses. In 1970 she was a promising student of English and with a dozen others

months in London. The Bulgarian secret police made it plain that a condition of the trip was that she report on her classmates. She agreed. Unknown to her. at least three other members of the group were also informers. After graduation, the secret police asked Elena to meet an English businessman in Sofia and become his friend. This time she refused — and her world collapsed. She was forced to become a primary school teacher in a village and even there she was spied upon. She married another teacher and after a while found that he, too, was reporting on her. When communist

was allowed to study for six

G€D turned to Sofia but soon after applying for a post, somebody - perhaps one of the original English study group - denounced her as a spy. Now she translates English thrillers.

In Bulgaria, as in Czechoslovakia. East Germany and Poland, many faculties were targeted: law, philosophy, theology, journalism. In Czechoslovakia, the secret police tried to recruit Leon Richter, a law student. He mainly because, as a judge, he rigorously enforced the law. In one case he jailed for three years a farmer who had been hoarding food. Trying to escape the moral dilemma of a lawyer applying unjust laws, he became involved in the 1968 reform movement, was sacked and became unemployable until the "velvet revolution" when he emerged as the new justice minister. Now, as every professional biography is to be minutely ex-

amined, he has resigned. Secret police files do not have historical accuracy as Bedrich Moldan, the Czechoslovak environment ly accused of being a police collaborator, he resigned and by the time the errors

minister, found out: wronghad been discovered, his Excavating history, as

career was destroyed. written by the secret police, is a painful process. Many

ing memories. Tino Schwierzina, the last mayor of East Berlin, has just established that his best friend had betrayed him for many years: "I've just looked through my files _ [realise now that my friend was stealing papers and copying phone numbers." The queues in Berlin, opposite the Komische Oper, waiting for a glimpse of their files, reveal more than

the evils of totalitarian

Right pushes Bush for tax cuts

Abortion issue adds to president's woes

PROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush is facing a double conservative threat to his presidency, from rebellious Republican congressmen who want deep tax cus from next week's State of the Union message and from the Supreme Court which decided on Tuesday to reopen is-sues of legalised abortion in the middle of this year's election campaign.

The economic battle be-

tween moderates and conservatives is awkward for Mr Bush as he takes on the challenge of the conservative com-mentator Patrick Buchanan in New Hampshire. Top advisers at the White House believe the president's prob-lems lie more in image than substance. Mr. Buchanan, and an increasingly restless group of conservative sena-tors disagree.

tors, disagree.
The abortion issue is more than awkward; it is potentially devastating. To the dismay of Republican strategists, who had hoped for a delay, the Supreme Court has agreed this summer to review a Pennsylvania law which undermines the constitutional right to abortion granted by the Roe v Wade decision of

It would require parental consent for minors, a 24-hour waiting period between a consultation and abortion; and full information for women on a right to privacy. about the development of an about-to-be aborted foctus. The decision of the court, whose new conservative majority is likely to back restric. tions on abortion rights, is

expected in July.

Although Mr Bush is on



Buchanan: implacable. opponent of abortion

record as opposing the consti-tutional right to abortion contained in Roe v Wade, Republicans fear that the imminent restriction of abortion could drive large numbers of women voters into the Democrat camp. All the Democrat challengers support Roe v Wade, whose 19th anniversaty was greeted by demonstrations of support and protest in many parts of the US this

review would be restricted to the specific aspects of the Pennsylvania law. It might not, therefore, be the court's long-awaited final judgment on whether abortion can be a constitutional right founded

Pro-choice campaigners ar gue, however, that the Pennsylvania restrictions do impinge on the Roe v Wade decision and hope to mobilise women voters to make their feelings known through the ballot box.

The Republican party is divided on abortion. Its best chance of staying together on the issue is for other concerns to predominate. The conservative wing has approved President Bush's Supreme Court choices, David Souter and Clarence Thomas, but finds it easier to mobilise national support against Roe v Wade than to deal with the consequences of removing the constitutional right to

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The current success of Mr Buchanan, an implacable opponent of abortion, makes it harder for Mr Bush himself to equivocate. Other cases are also working their way through the legal process. and Republican campaign managers hope that, if Roe is to be overturned, the change will come gradually through a number of judgments rather than suddenly when political tempers are already high. White House sources reported yesterday that Mr Bush would make a formal announcement of his candi-

dacy for 1992 in New Hamp-The court has said that its shire on February 12.

Eview would be restricted to By then he will hope that his State of the Union message — expected to contain a health care plan, a modest capital gains tax proposal and other help for the becalrued economy — will have boosted his support.



hopeful, playing in a Washington night club to raise campaign funds

Two die as execution appeals rejected

FROM RELITER IN HUNTSVILLE TEXAS

TWO Americans sentenced to death for decade-old murders were executed by lethal injection early yesterday after their appeals were rejected.

Joe Angel Cordova, aged 39, convicted of shooting a man dead during a robbery nearly ten years ago, was executed in Texas after the US Supreme Court denied him an 11th-hour stay of execu-tion. Mark Hopkinson, aged 42, the only man on Wyoming's death row, was executed at the state prison in Rawlins for his involvement in a 1979 torture murder.

Cordova was the 43rd person executed in Texas since it reinstated the death penalty in 1982. There are 357 people on death row there. He was convicted of the shotgun killing of a man in February 1982 after he and accomplices abducted their victim from a Houston telephone booth and robbed him.

Hopkinson was sentenced for ordering the murder of Jeffrey Green, who was due to testify against him over the 1977 bombing deaths of an attorney, his wife and son. He was the first person to be executed in Wyoming for 26 years and only the 16th in the state this century. Green's killers have never been caught, and Hopkinson had maintained his innocence un-

Burmese troops mine border

FROM AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

THE Burmese army has begun planting land mines in a further step to reinforce its position on the border with Bangladesh, defence sources

said yesterday.
The entire 70-mile frontier with the Bandarban district of southeastern Bangladesh had been mined, they said About eight Burmese brigades were engaged in the operation in the hilly terrain.

The state-run radio said that 3,000 Burmese Muslims had crossed the border and taken refuge in the Cox's Bazar district, boosting the Burmese refugee population in Bangladesh to 65,000 on Tuesday. It also said that two refugees were killed in a mine explosion as they crossed the

border near Ali Kadam. Bangladeshi and Burmese military commanders are due to meet next Tuesday to draw up plans to defuse the border tension. Sources in Bangla-desh said that about 80,000 Burmese troops were massed on the border.

● Viliage polling: About 50 million voters in Bangladesh went to the polls yesterday to elect 4,400 village mayors after a month of electioneering in which at least 12 people were killed and more than 500 injured. State-run Bangladesh radio said the army had been put on a state of alert until February 6.

Hindu march raises fears of violence

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

HINDU hardliners reached the sensitive northern state of Haryana yesterday on their ber, has taken a zig-zag path through the country to high-southern tip of India to the light the supposed threat to Kashmir valley. As they did so India's unity posed by Musthe cabinet committee on political affairs authorised security forces in three states to . take any steps necessary to preserve law and order.

Reports from the Kashmiri city of Jammu said 12,000 Hindus were waiting to join the procession, organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party. From there, the procession is due to travel to the predominantly Muslim Kashmir

valley. S. B. Chavan, the home minister, said in Delhi last night that the procession was fraught with "grave danger". He added: "If they want to risk it, I cannot help it". He claimed intelligence reports suggested that Kashmiri separatist militants had mined the route.

A government spokesman said troops had been rede-ployed in Punjab and reinforcements sent to Kashmir. G. C. Saxena, the governor of Kashmir, has appealed to the organisers not to enter the valley, or at least to keep the size of the procession to a

The Ekta Yatra (unity journey), which began in Decem-ber, has taken a zig-zag path The unspoken message has been clearly anti-Muslim, threatening another bout of religious conflict in northern

regions.

The government has yet to decide whether to ler the procession enter the Kashmir valley. If it came under attack from Muslim secessionists there could be violence against Muslims in the northern Hindu heardand. Hundreds died in religious riots in 1990 when the party staged a Rath Yatra (chariot journey) to highlight demands for the demolition of a mosque in the northern city of Ayodhya. This time the march has not, so far, raised the same kind of emotions.

P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, presided over meetings of the cabinet's political affairs committee on Tuesday night and yesterday morning to decide what to do if the procession turns violent. The meetings were anended by the chief minister of Haryana and the governers of Punjab and Kashmir.

Screen violence

spills into foyer

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who think nothing of wielding guns and knives along with their popcorn. The latest ghetto-drama to provoke trouble, Juice, opened in 1,098 cinemas last weekend. One teenager was killed and four

adventure.

others were injured in an outpouring of violence from Alaska to Arkansas. The film, the directorial debut of Ernest Dickerson, the cinematographer of Spike Lee, the radical black director, tells the story of four youths growing up in Harlem. Its advertising slogan asks:
"Power. Respect. Juice.
How far will you go to get
it?" Although one of the
four friends turns bad, his actions are viewed when he tried to stop a through the eyes of Q. fight involving about 100 who is worried by what he patrons.

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ma in a fight between rival gang-members waiting in the ticket line to see Juice. A boy aged 14 was charged with her murder. In Michigan, a youth, aged 17, was shot in the leg during a brawl in a cinema lobby in which nine shots were fired. An 18-year-old from suburban Philadelphia was paralysed from the neck down when he was stuck by a bullet outside another theatre showing the film. In New York, a 16year-old was stabbed during a fight in the stalls. In

Anchorage, Alaska, an as-

sistant theatre manager

had his eye socket broken

The sun is setting on creeping desert theory

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article of faith that the world's deserts are advancing. The United Nations Environment Programme (Unep) has said that 35 per cent of the surface of the Earth is at risk and that \$26 billion worth of food production is lost every year. Hundreds of millions of pounds of aid have been spent to try to remedy the problem.

Among the worst-hit areas. Unep says, is the southern fringe of the Sahara desert, where it has been claimed that the desert is advancing at the rate of several miles a year. The Sahara is supposed to be swallowing up an area the size of New York state every ten years.

But is it true that the deserts are spreading? Some scientists have given warning that the evidence is not strong enough to justify the concern whipped up by Unep. the World Bank and the aid agencies. Now a review in Ambio, an environmental journal, has cast further doubt on the idea.

Nigel Hawkes reports on doubts about whether deserts really are spreading

A team at Lund University in Sweden has been studying the deserts in Sudan since the 1970s. Using satellites, ground observation and national food production statistics, they have found no evidence that long-lasting desert conditions have been created in Sudan in the period between 1962 and 1984. A survey in Senegal by a team from the Ecological Research Centre in Dakar reached similar conclusions.

Last July, American scientists reported that the Sahara had actually shrunk since 1984. Their satellite pictures showed a large annual variation, but no clear evidence of permanent change, reports since 1916 that the desert was

Professor Ulf Heliden, of Lund university's physical geography department, reports in Ambio that his team looked at the situation around 103 villages and waterholes during the period between 1961 and 1983, and found no

evidence of desert growth. There were no major shifts in the northern cultivation limit, no significant changes in sand dunes and no visible encroachment by the desert, he says.

No changes in vegetation cover and crop productivity were identi-fied that could not be explained simply by varying rainfall.

live Agnew, of the geography department at University College London, agrees that evidence for desertification is stanty. He suggests that the agencies have been concentrating on the wrong

They have concentrated on the desert fringe, but actually very few. people live there," Dr Agnew says.
"Much more important are the semi-arid areas, where a lot of people live."

More important than desertific-

ation, in his view, is soil degradation, which can occur anywhere and can have many causes, including bad farming practice.

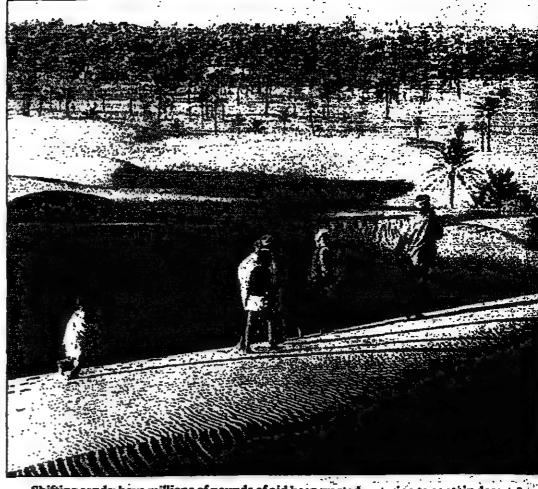
He has studied the effect of

recurrent drought around the

Sahara and found that its effects on agriculture have been exaggerated. Traditional subsistence farming of crops such as millet has hardly suffered, but the raising of livestock and cash crops such as ground nuts has been severely hit. Today Dr Agnew believes that Unep has begun to acknowledge that its emphasis on desertification was misplaced. Dr Hellden, however, quotes from this year's Unep calendar, which makes all the same assertions as in the past,

not be justified and that the time has come for a proper assessment of descrification based on scientif-

He believes that the claim can-



Shifting sands: have millions of pounds of aid been wasted on trying to contain deserts?

Unlocking the elderly from home fire danger

Locks made for old people's flats can waste vital seconds during emergencies

any old people are at risk of dying in fires because the locks fitted to the front doors of their flats take too long to open. A survey of locks, designed for emergency escapes from flats has found that although most elderly people can open them in five seconds or less, some locks can take much longer. Two makes could not be opened by some people after two and a half minutes of trying.

In a real emergency, they would probably be dead, said John Harrington-Lynn, an engineer with the environment department's Building Research Establishment (BRE) at Watford, Hert-

The tests were carried out at the Institute for Consumer Ergonomics, which is based within the

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The lock Larry McDonald designed can be quickly opened

University of Technology, Loughborough. The study is part of an investigation of the design of locks and doors from which the BRE is trying to establish which are easy to operate and able to withstand

In the study, 175 women and 75 men aged 65 or over were timed trying to open, from the inside, the eight makes of locks supplied by manufacturers for the trials. The trials simulated different condi-

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tions, from non-urgent to one in which the lock had to be opened in the dark, in a hurry.

Of the eight locks tested, seven were mortice locks and one was a rim lock. The researchers found four that could be opened swiftly and four gave rise for concern. Those that took a long time to

open had various design drawbacks, said Mr Harrington-Lynn. These included the need for a key to unlock the door from the

inside, oddly sited handles or knobs controlling the latchbolt and designs so novel that they "depart too far from the expected normal modes of operation"

Other problems include locks that require two hands to open them or a variety of turning and pushing movements, as well as some that give no sensory clues to whether they are locked or

For example, only half the elderly people could open lock A, the only rim lock, within two seconds. After five seconds, 30 per cent were still having problems and after two and a half minutes, just over 3 per cent were still confounded by its design.

seconds, more than half were still struggling and after ten seconds, a third had still not "escaped".

Even after 30 seconds more than 16 per cent would still have been trapped inside their blazing flat. Just over 13 per cent were still grappling with the lock after two

and a half minutes. By comparison, most of those tested could open locks B, H, F, and G in five econds or less.

BRE will not disclose the names of the locks that gave rise for concern but the fast-openers were the Albert Marsion Facility Fort Lockset, the ASSA type 765, the McDonald Anti-Panic lock and

the ASSA type 520x.

For example, the McDonald lock, designed by Larry McDonald of Salford, Greater Manchester, an independent locksmith, was opened by more than half of the people in two seconds and by 96.7 per cent in five seconds or less. Nearly 94 per cent of the elderly opened the ASSA type 520x in two seconds.

The findings have been sent to the environment department. Mr Harrington-Lynn emphasised that the the locks tested were only a small sample of those commercially available.

The researchers will next test the locks to see how they stand up to forcing by a potential burglar.

NICK NUTTALL

Through the ice barrier

□ Nuclear-powered icebreakers may be used to lead convoys of freighters through the northeast passage north of Siberia between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, according to the Fridgiof Nansen Insti-tute in Oslo. The passage could halve the distance be-

tween some ports in Europe: and North America and Asia. The study was undertaken at the request of Russian officials, who believe that 30 nuclear-powered icebreakers could keep the passage open for ten months a year.

Southampton University is ... rated sixth in a worldwide survey of basic electronic engineering research, the only British university to feature in the top ten. The survey, by the American Institute for Scientific Information, is based on

are cited by scholars. Stan-ford University in California WES COO.

I NEC has introduced what it says is the world's fastest computer. The Japanese company's SX-3 44R can make 25.6 billion calculations a second, beating the 24 billion of the top model made by Cray Research, the American company. Cray conceded that the NEC machine has a higher peak speed but said more significant was parallel com-putational speed, where Cray's top model is five times faster.

The Centre of Disaster Study and Prevention in Lima has warned that the El Niño current in the Pacific Ocean, which recurs every seven years or so, could cause widespread flooding in the country this year. Up to 160,000 houses near the River Tarmac could be flooded if El Niño causes torrential rains. The effects of El Niño could be more widespread. The last time it appeared in 1983, worldwide dimate changes occurred.

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No power to make order in Brussels arbitration

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MORSE 78 High Holborn, London WC1. 071-831 0644 17 Sheen Lane, Mortlake SW14, 081-876 0404 Channel Tunnel Group Ltd and France Manche SA v Balfour Beatty Construction under section 12(6)(h) to grant an **Baifour Beatty Construction** Ltd and Others place chosen by the parties as the Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord seat of arbitration was Brussels.
The Court of Appeal so held in a

Justice Woolf and Lord Justice

[Judgment January 22] An English court did not have

reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of Balfour Beany Construction Ltd and 10 other English and French construction jursidiction to exercise all of the powers in the Arbitration Act companies against an order of Mr Justice Evans on December 4. 1991 that, upon an undertaking abroad even where the parties would be ordered against them restraining them from suspend-ing work relating to the cooling system of the Channel Tunnel and which was the subject of a contract made between the con-The most powerful

> Mr Bernard Rix, QC and Mr Andrew White for the con-sortium; Mr John Dyson QC, Mr Mark Howard and Mr Vivian Ramsey for Eurotunnel.

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Group Ltd and France Manche

JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the plaintiff companies, comprising Eurotunnel, were the employers under a contract to build a turnel under the Channel between England and France. The defendants

that unless certain conditions were immediately met, they would be obliged to suspend all work relating to the cooling system of

On October 14. Eurotunnel issued a writ against Trans Manche Link daiming an injunction restraining them in breach of an agreement dated August 13, 1986 from suspendcooling system of the tunnel. Mr Justice Evans had ordered

that "on the defendants by their counsel undertaking that they will not suspend work in respect of the cooling system without giving Eurotunnel 14 days notice, there

The contractors appealed against that order which at first sight seemed odd since no order had been made against them. What the contractors really com-plained about was that Mr Justice Evans was prepared to grant a mandatory injunction which rethe cooling system and that he refrained from doing so only because an undertaking was of-

obstacle to the hearing of the

proceedings was to be granted even though there had not yet under the terms of the 1986 contract between the parties.

But that did not conclude the question whether there should nevertheless be an injunction. The grant of a stay to the action merely decided the framework in which the application for an injunction full to be considered.

An English court under section 12(6)(h) of the 1950 Act could gram an interim injunction in a case where the parties had agreed that disputes should be settled by proceedings in court were other-wise stayed.

The power under section 12(6)(h) of the 1950 Act could be exercised before there had been any request for arbitration or the niment of arbitrators, pro appointment of automatintended to take the dispute to arbitration in due course.

Whatever the meaning of "reference in section 12(6)(h), the power of the court in such a case would be exercised "for the purpose of and in relation to a

Further, the power to grant an interim injunction under that section was not limited to the or other property or to preserving the status quo. It might, in an appropriate case, be exercised by granting an interim mandatory injunction, such as an order continue performance of a buildng contract. If there was a dispute between

two English companies who had there would be hurisdiction m present case some of the parties were French and the parties had all agreed to arbitrate in Brossele It was often said that statutes of the United Kingdom had no

application to things which hap-pened earside that part of the United Kingdom for which they were enacted. But in the case of a civil dispute the problem required One had to ascertain the

connecting factor prescribed by the rules of conflict of laws in order to find which country's laws were to be applied. Each enactment had to be considered

The territorial application of section 4 of the 1950 Act and ection 1 of the Arbitration Act 1975 was that they applied not only to court proceedings in the relevant part of the United King-

An English court did not have the jurisdiction to exercise all of the powers in the 1950 Act in the case of an arbitration beld abroad, even if the parties had agreed to English curial law. It could exercise some of them

for example by staying court proceedings within the jurisdic-tion or by enforcing an award And in the converse case, where parties arbitrated within the juris diction but agreed on the pro-cedural law of a foreign country, at least some of the powers conferred by the English Act could still be exercised.

The connecting factor for the upplication of section 12(6)(h) of the 1950 Act to a case containing foreign element was the place which the parties had chosen as the seat of the arbitration. If that was in England or Wales, the English courts had jurisdiction; if not, they had none.

It followed that the English court had no jurisdiction under case, since the seat of any arbitration was Brussels.

Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Neili agreed.

Asserting title to land

Before Lord Justice Scott and Sir Uudement January 161

Marsden v Miller and

A person having no documentary title to land could not asser einst another such person his title to the land based on an act of possession consisting of the crecnion of a fence for a short time around the land.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Gerald Marsden, from the refusal by Judge Holt in Chorley County Court on February 11, 1991 to grant a declaration that he was entitled as against his neighbours, the defendants. Mr W. Milker and members of his family, to possession of land at Ecclesion, Lancashire. Mr John Bonney and Mr

David Partington for the plaintiff:

Mr William George for the

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT said that the disputed land lay between the plaintiff's and the defendants' properties. It was free of buildings and until 1981 had been used by both parties for recreational purposes. Surprisingly, the true owner of the land was not known. On August 8, 1981 the plai tiff, appearing to have formed a plan to acquire for himself the

disputed land, caused a fence to

be erected around its boundary.

protests while the fence was being erected and it was removed within some 24 hours. The plainriff had made no attempt to re-erect it. In 1984 the plaintiff com-

menced the proceedings seeking a declaration of his entitlement to njunction restraining the defen dants from entering on it. That was strong relief to claim, given that it was common ground that ated land, that none of his predecessors was ever in adverse possession of it and that the defendants had made use of the land in a variety of ways since

The question was whether the plaintiff ever took possession of the land. If he did then the law rovided remedies against the disturbance of his de facto

it was well established that to session of land, both a mental element and a factual element were requisite. The factual element had to involve an appropriate degree of exclusive physical control. The mental element, the animus possidendi, had to consist of an intention to estion to the exclusion of

When the fence was erected in 1981 the plaintiff had evinced the oecessary animus possiden<u>di</u> But had he assumed a sufficient degree of physical comm Relying on Powell v McFarlane

((1979) 38 P.& CR 452), Mr Bonney submitted that the mere erecting of the fence was a assumption of effective

His Lordship disagreed. In a case where the object land was being used by others, the would be or, not being a person possessor, not ocing a person entitled in law to possession, could not obtain default possession that the law would recognise unless the acts relied on as constituting the taking of possession were effective to exclude those others.

Had the defendants acquiresced in the errection of the fence, then it might well have been an effective taking of exclusive possession. But they did not do so. If the fence had been so strong

that it could not have been removed by the defendants and had effectively excluded them, their rigorous protests might not have prevented the conclusion being reached that the plaintiff had achieved de facto exclusive ession. But the lence was not of that character.

The inescapable fact was that the creation of the fence did not give the plaintiff effective control of the disputed land. The judge was right in concluding that the plaintiff had never obtained such session as was necessary to apport his action for trespass. Solicitors: Cooper Law & Lester,

Blackpool: Banks Wilson,

MRJUSTICE JOWITT, giving

cause of AIDS. The prognosis varied among doctors to not more than 12 months and 18 months to two years. There was no doubt that prison

to change radically a sentence otherwise perfectly proper because the appellant wished to die with dignity. It seemed to their Lordships

Court cannot heed social ends

Regina v Stark Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Jowin [Judgment January 17] To manipulate a sentence po-

achieve a social end was not for the Court of Appeal, it was a matter for the exercise of the royal prerogative of merry.

The Court of Appeal so held on an appeal by Gerrard Michael Stark, aged 39, against a sentence of four years imprisonment passed at Kingston Crown Court passed at Kingsion Crown Court by Judge Macrea on pleas of guilty to possessing diamorphine and cannabis.

Mr Colin Allan, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for

the judgment of the court, said that the appeal was based on the appellant's short life expectancy

regimen bore hardly on him and counsel had asked their Lordships

that to manipulate a sentence was not within the province of the court. It could be tested by instancing a person serving developing a disease. The court would not interfere in such a case. Although adjustment would be

made as a mader of mercy, what was being asked of their Lord-ships was for them to change radically a perfectly proper Because of the appellant's condiffer the offences for which he was eventually sentenced had been allowed to lie on the file. Five weeks later he was in possession of

percen and cocaine. He had a record of drugs offences and if he were allowed to be at large there would be a heavy risk that he would reson to drug trafficking.

An investigation into his profiting from drugs resulted in a finding that he had profited to the 000,003 to treate

It was not for their Lordships court to manipulate a sentence so as to achieve a social end. That was a matter for the exercise of the royal prerogative and not for their

However, their Lordships would direct that the medical reports before them be forwarded to the prison authorities. The appeal was dismissed.

Darkness that needs to see the light

Villagers in Africa are stricken by its miseries — yet the old in Japan avoid it. Jeremy Laurance looks at a new campaign to explore and explain the mysteries of depression

he most miserable people in the world, measured on an international rating scale, are said to be rural village dwellers in Uganda. They outstrip even those archetypal victims, single mothers with small children living in tower blocks in inner London

By contrast, Basque-speaking rural communities in northern Spain have among the lowest rates of depression. The explanation could be genetic or it could reflect the quality of social support. In Japan, for example, where the elderly are venerated, depression

in the age group is almost un-known. Public respect contributes to their strong sense of self-worth. In Britain, three million people are estimated to be affected and the number is thought to be rising. But in half of these the depression goes unrecognised and unreated, exacting a huge toll of human misers and taking the lives of more than 4,000 people a year — many of them young — by suicide. In response to concern about the suicide rate, especially among the young, the Samaritans today launch an appeal for E1 million, to be raised through WH Smith's shops, for a national telephone network with one number.

Effective treatment is available but public fear of the stigma of mental illness and professional reluctance to investigate emotional problems conspire to keep the suffering hidden — and almost certainly increase its extent.

Next week, the Royal Colleges of Psychiatrists and General Practitioners launch a five-year campaign to raise awareness of the condition and improve its treatment. Depression "is not a passing mood or personal weakness, but a major health disorder which causes untold suffering, the coleges say. Their campaign aims to and encourage the public to seektreatment for it.

Recognition can be difficult, for both patients and their doctors. There is no distinct illness called

depression which parallels, say, pneumonia. There is a continuum from ordinary unhappiness through neurotic misery to psychotic delusions (such as "everyone is out to get me"). It can be difficult to tell where on the continuum a person falls. A period of sadness is to be expected after certain events — divorce or redundancy, for example. But some-times the sadness cannot be shaken off.

Depression drains the pleasure, as well as the point, from life.

Depression is not a passing mood or personal weakness, but a major health disorder which causes untold suffering

People in its grip lose the sense of their own value, and then of the value of anything. Many people suffer months or years of acute distress alone. Doctors tell of depressed mothers who have coniessed: "I would rather see my children dead than suffer this." Even cancer patients who have withstood surgery and chemotherapy say that depression was the hardest part to cope with. People who have not been depressed do not know what it is like. ing sufferers to pull themselves

together and snap out of it. The sufferers fear being taken for malingerers and often feel to

blame for their condition. The

typical complaint is: "If I had a broken leg people would at least know that something was wrong."

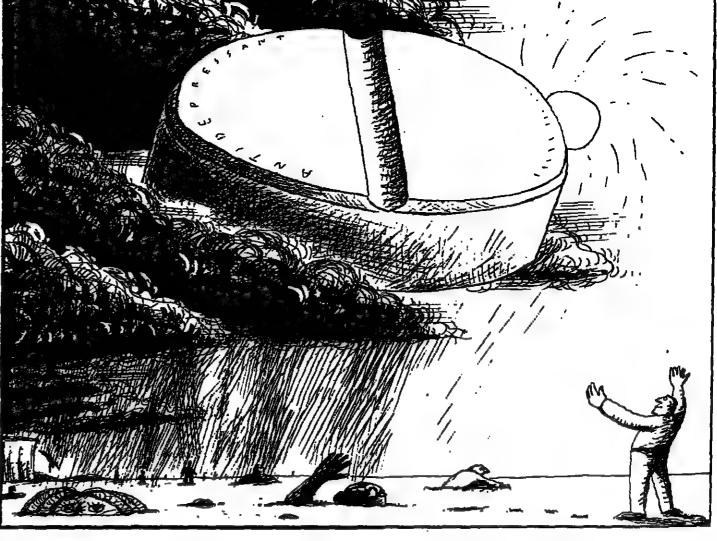
Major depression — the type
that requires treatment — is de-

fined by psychiatrists as a pervasive loss of enjoyment and low mood for most of every day for at least two weeks. In addition, at least four of the following seven symptoms must be present: change in sleep patterns (waking early or sleeping longer); loss or gain of appetite or weight; tiredness; loss of concentration, memory or inability to make decisions; thoughts of death and suicide; being agitated or slowed down; loss of self-confidence and low selfesteem. The key indicator is a change in the individual's habitual mood or performance.

People with low mood but fewer than four of these symptoms are said to have minor depression and those with low mood alone "sub-clinical" depression. They require support, a sympathetic ear and in some cases counselling to prevent their condition getting worse. Those with major depression require more intensive psychological therapy or drug treatment. However, sufferers are often

difficult to spot because sometimes the depression is disguised as, or contealed by, a physical illness. In a recent study in which 50 GPs were monitored for a week, only six spotted all the patients with major depression who consulted them. The rest were misled by the complex ways in which depression can reveal itself. "People often come complaining of constipation or weight loss because they feel they need a physical ticket to see the GP," said Dr David Baldwin, a spokesman for the Royal College of Psychiatrists campaign. "The psychological symptoms require

wheedling out." ful that the sufferer is deceived too. Many people who have tried stoically to cover up their depression for months or years say that only when they started drug treat-



ment did they realise how miserable they had been. "The drugs brought me to the surface," said one. "I was surprised they could lift my mood without making me feel befuddled," said another. .

Many reject drugs because they fear becoming dependent. But even after years of use antidepressants are not addictive, unlike tranquillisers such as valium. "Anti-depressants have been available since 1955 and people have no difficulty giving them up." said Dr Baldwin. "The problem is trying to persuade people to con-tinue taking them."

For many people the best treatment may be drugs combined with psychological therapy. There is some evidence that the two together are more effective than either alone. Some psychiatrists sum up their approach as: "Pills for symptoms, psychotherapy for

Cognitive therapy, a refinement of the US notion of "positive especially useful in depression. Depressed people tend to express their misery through similar ideas. "I'm a failure", "Everything I do turns out badly", and "There's nothing to look forward to", are typical.

The therapy aims to help people

stand back from their thoughts, which are nearly always gross distortions, examine them objectively and correct them by reasoning. Depressed people may conclude that they are not liked merely because an acquaintance has falled to recognise them in the street. The therapist aims to help in distinguishing appropriate frominappropriate responses and reasonable from unreasonable interpretations.

ut cognitive therapy typically involves 15 to 20 one-hour sessions over three months, so its availability on the NHS is limited. Most depressed people who consult their doctor are likely to be offered drugs. Many resist because of the fear of stigma. Yet taking anti-depressants provides no more evidence of weakness than request-

Studies show that at least 70 per cent of patients with major depression respond to drug treatment But because the nature of the

iliness is poorly understood by GPs, most do not prescribe the drugs for long enough. "The average course of treatment is six weeks, which is far too low," said Dr Baldwin. "People will get better but half will relapse within the next six months." An episode of depression, if left

untreated, lasts six to nine months on average. Most specialists believe that the drugs relieve the symptoms, in the way that aspirin relieves a headache, until the underlying disorder resolves itself. If they are stopped too soon, therefore, the depression reemerges. The current advice is to take the drugs for at least six to nine months after the depression

has lifted. Some people should take the drugs for even longer. Someone who has suffered two or more episodes of depression in five years is estimated to have a 70-80 per cent chance of suffering a further episode. Psychiatrists now advise the drugs for two years after they have recovered from their current

Side effects, such as dry mouth and blurred vision, tend to wear

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off in the early weeks. But some sufferers worry that the drugs may interfere with their capacity to solve their problems and sort out their lives. Experience suggests the opposite. As one patient put it:
"The drugs don't help you solve
your problems directly but they
restore normal functioning so that you can get on with your life and move forward again, instead of being locked in thoughts of how hopeless and impossible every thing seems and how useless and blameworthy you are."

The causes of depression are still unknown. Genes, hormones, stress, psychological and social factors all play a part. Depression often follows a viral infection. especially glandular fever or hepatitis.

Women are twice as likely to suffer depression as men - or it may be that men find it harder to acknowledge, responding with drinking, violence or crime rather than introspection.

sonal affective disorder, the only cure is sunshine. But whatever treatment route is chosen, some treatment is nearly always better than none.

Anxiety and the egg donor

MR SAM ABDALLA of the assisted conception unit at the Lister Hospital in London said this week that recent publicity about ovum donation, which had emphasised the risks attached to the collecting procedure, has not in fact discouraged would be donors. On the contrary, it has encouraged other women to volunteer.

More than 300 women are in the queue at the clinic for a donated ovum vhich would mean a one in four chance

Eggs are provided by women who are themselves having IVF treatment or by donors. Forty per cent of the donors are concerned relatives or friends of patients who have had or are having treatment for infertility, 60 per cent are solely. motivated by compassion and have had no previous connection with the service.



BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

revolutionised treatment.

tion of the gullet.

Although the philosophy of ovum donation is compared to that of artificial insemination by donor, the col-lecting procedure is rather more

The woman uses a nasal spray of buserelin, colloquially known as "the saiff", for a complete monthly cycle together with injections of gonadotro-

phin hormone over a ten day period. On day 12, the ovary is assessed by ultrasound and if the development of the eggs has been suitable the patient is given an injection of another hormone so the ripened eggs can be collected under general anaesthetic two days

The risks are twofold, in some cases the ovaries are hyperstimulated and secretions from them will then cause, in milder cases, abdominal discomfort. In serious cases, which are exceptionally rare, fluid can collect in the abdominal cavity or even in the lungs. The other risk is a small one associated

with a general anaesthetic, however

Risks are fully explained to donors and no efforts are made to pressurise any into taking part.

peptic ulceration and the consequential haemorrhages Since the 1960s when the Bush ulcer was playing up. the advent of the H2 blockers Zantac and Tagamet has This month a rival to the H2 blockers, Losec (ompra-Recent research suggests that Losec may alter the course of a comparatively

Bushed

PRESIDENT Bush's medical history is so complex, and his diseases so varied, that if he was an impecunious peasioner he would be able to carn an extra dollar or two by -

being a volunteer at medical students' final examinations. Like Dr Hugh L'Etang, the medical historian, who has recently written about the president in the magazine Monitor, they would not only have to discuss his thyroid disease with its cardiac complications but the problems

zole) has been licensed for the first time for the initial treathe faced in his thirties from ment of peptic ulceration. Previously it had been reserved for cases which had failed to respond to other Losec has also been approved for long-term treatment of reflux oesophagitis. heartburn due to inflamma-

rare complication of oesophagitis, Barrett's metaplasia. changes can occur in the cells of the oesophageal lining. VITAMINS AND MINERALS

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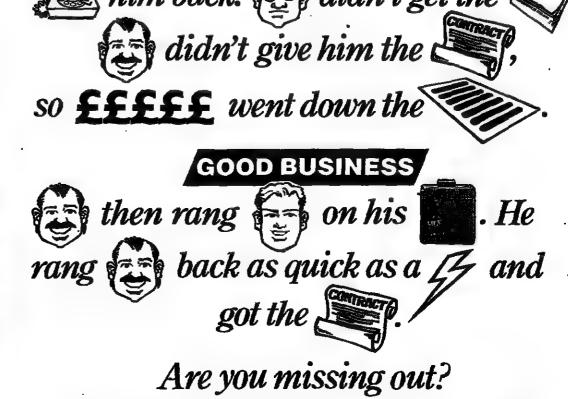
A HAND, ready to be held against a fevered brow, is, it is sometimes claimed, the only instrument a doctor needs to tell whether a patient has a temperature.

This time-hallowed procedure may look suitably caring but at best it is inaccurate, and at worst misleading. Temperatures have to be

taken, but the idea of sharing a thermometer, even one kept in an antiseptic liquid, is as worrying to the bacteriologists as it is disturbing to the patients who do not like to think where it might have been before.

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Uncle of the welfare state

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Martin Gilbert on a bland but able Liberal reformer whose legacy of child welfare and probation still influences our lives

ernard Wasserstein, who has spent almost as long studying Herbert Samuel as I have on Churchill, writes in his preface: "I may perhaps be forgiven for thinking, in odd moments of professional vanity, that I know him almost better than he knew himself." Samuel, the scion of a wealthy Anglo-Jewish family, could be, as Wasser-stein describes, aloof, priggish, secretive and undemonstrative, a bland figure in an age when his fellow-Liberal frontrunners were

men of dash and daring.

H.G. Wells portrayed him in The New Machiavelli as "a brilliant representative of his race, able, industrious, and invariably uninspired". So it is much to Wasserstein's credit that he has brought Samuel to life in these pages, and told with utmost read-ability the story of the man whose career was intimately bound up with the creative days of Liberal-ism before 1914, and its slow, tortured decline after 1918.

The great strength of this book is that it weaves together the author's extremely wide-ranging archival trawlings and delvings into a seamless and fascinating narrative. Samuel was one of those pre-1914 Liberals (Churchill was then another) who believed that the Liberal party had to become the party of state intervention, that the place for Liberal enthusiasms and ideals was not in the philosophy book (Samuel had written several of these) but on the statute book.

The frequently-ignored annual volumes of Acts and Measures, which set out all our parliamentary legislation, bear testimony to Samuel's direct contribution to the quality of life in Britain. The extension of occupational injury compensation to more than three million seamen, shop assistants and postmen was embodied in his Workmen's Compensation Act of 1906, the first English legislation covering industrial diseases. His Probation of Offenders Act established the professional probation service, enjoining upon probation and befriend" those entrusted to their charge. The duty of the state to care for children found expression in his Children Act of 1908.

Five years before the Children Act. Samuel told his constituents: "I hold very strongly the view that the system of large institutions for children is a mistake and that they should either be boarded out with working people if they are normal children, or, if they are deficient or epileptic, be kept in very small homes where they can be given individual attention." The Act embodied these sentiments, and was very much the first children's charter, as Samuel intended. All these achievements took



Old campaigner: Herbert, 1st Viscount Samuel aged 90, still making speeches in the Lords after a lifetime of public service.

place before Samuel was 40. Thereafter, his biographer comments somewhat wistfully. "he never again initiated the passage of a single memorable bill". His remaining 50 years (Samuel died aged 92) were indeed something of a continual anti-climax.

Yet his instincts remained in favour of government initiative on. As Postmaster General before the first world war he pushed forward with mechanisation and automation. In 1911 he presided over the acquisition by the Post Office of the national telephone system, effectively Britain's first nationalisation, which survived for almost eight decades. As president of the Local Government Board in 1914 he issued regulations which established widespread maternity and child welfare centres, and finally brought an end to the incarceration of children in workhouses.

Throughout his remaining offcial career, the adjective judicious best sums up Samuel's achievement. In 1920 he was sent to

Palestine as High Commissioner, asked by Lloyd George to devise a system whereby the Jewish national home and Arab as-

pirations could be reconciled. He held the balance between the two communities with consummate kill, never allowing his Jewishness to override his sense of fairness, and even imposing a temporary ban on Jewish immigration when Arab protests led to riots and deaths. The Zionists did not like this, but Samuel stood his ground.

Five years later. Stanley Baldwin called Samuel back to government service as chairman of the Royal Commission on the Coal Industry. to try to create a fairer system in the mines than that which had provoked the General Strike. Commenting on Samuel in a private letter. Baldwin wrote: Cool, competent and precise, as when he was first lent to this temporary world by an inscrutable

providence, it was the work of a

moment for him to grasp our problem **HERBERT SAMUEL** A Political Life in all its manifold implications." It is by Bernard Wasserstein odd that Wasser-OUP, £45 stein omits this delightful and per-

> During Churchill's call for rapid: air rearmament after the rise of Hitler, Samuel served Baldwin well. In 1934, after Churchill had publicly asked for a doubling and then a redoubling of the Royal Air Force, it was Samuel who, to much Liberal and Tory applause, described this as "rather the language of a Malay run amok than of a responsible British statesman". Wasserstein makes no reference to this sharp, and for Churchill wounding, comment, nor to its aftermath, for Churchill was not to forget Samuel's slur on his "defective judgment", telling his Epping constituents in 1938: "It would have been well for him and his persecuted race if my advice had been taken. They would

not be where they are now, and we

should not be where we are now. Churchill bore no permanent ill-will. In February 1942, when reshuffling his government, he wel-comed the proposal to appoint Samuel as Minister of Works. But when a copy of Who's Who was sent for, and it was found that Samuel was 71. Churchill felt that his former Liberal colleague was too old for the task. Later that year Samuel embarked upon a final career, that of a broadcaster, as a

member of the Brains' Trust. Samuel retained his cogent argumentative powers into extreme old age. At the age of 90 he spoke impressively in the House of Lords against the proposed four-lane highway across the tranquil Christ Church meadows in Oxford: I remember how important his speech seemed to the eventual triumph of that keenly-fought cause. At that point, both this excellent biography and Samuel's own life come to a worthy close.

Martin Gilbert's Churchill: A Life is published by Minerva, £9.99

Poet shall rise against nation

Peter Ackroyd

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Poetry and the

Nation State

by Tom Paulin.

poetry and the "nation-" state" have to do with each other? On the face of it a great deal; it is the steady belief in the English as a chosen race that underprise the authority of Spenser and Milton. while poets as diverse as Tennyson and Whitman staked their own claim to significance by espousing something very close to a national

In his introduction to this interesting collection of essays and reviews, Paulin puts that theme in a slightly different context. He defines the Protestant aesthetic in terms of its denial of history and its attention to oral rather than written language, to the immediate presence of speech rather than the

nediated traditions of language. But this is essentially a fashion able and academic spin upon what is for him a more fundamental position. He situates himself within the Protestant community of Ulster, within a tribe rather than a nation, and so he remains pecu-

harty sensitive to the claims and sentiments of nationhood: as a result he brings to his reading of poerry a finely honed sense of political and historical reality. Not for him the formal-

ity of what was once called the New Criticism or the tedious hermeneutics of the various post-structuralist and deconstructionist schools. He looks for the "power relations" that exist within the most apparently innocent or vatic language and quotes Milton on "the mists

and intricacies of state". So it is that he expands upon the virtues of that poet's prose, arguing that the author of The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates er. Those who know Christopher Hill's work will already have recognised the truth of this but, more interestingly, Paulin identifies some of the rhythms and images of Milton's elaborately topical prose within the movement of his posety. Paulin is a way close of his poetry. Paulin is a very close reader of verse, a talent be demonstrates in his sensitive analysis of Robert Frost and his "secret, cold,

calculating. Yankee vision".
But his more general political preoccupations always bring out the best in him. An account of Southey's response to the execution of Robert Emmet leads into a consideration of the "reactionary nature" of much English crincism. since the "minotain" to be glimpsed within the bewildering labyrinth of discourse is the naked power of the state. John Clare is no longer the private lyricist, but a man acutely aware both of the political forces undermining "rural England" and of the pressures for linguistic uniformity which curbed his "oral writing". Christina Rossetti and Emily Dickinson subvert, in different ways, the authoritarian masculine tradition of syntax and oratory.

There may be times when he exaggerates the political allusiveness of a poet or a poem - it is hard to follow him all the way, for when such seriousness is rare.

he subtitle of this book sets example, in his reappraisal of out its theme what do Gerard Manley Hopkins — yet even this over-sensitivity means that he is always open and alive to the possibilities of language. You do not necessarily have to be radical, or Irish, to realise that Years is more than a formal obelisk of stately words, a poet plucked out of history and reduced to timelessness; but, in a closely argued essay, Paulin returns him to a living world of hunger-strikes and political prisoners. There is also a fine piece here on Dickens, which reaffirms that imaginative violence with which he was always threatening to tear down the very edifice of the state. When you give writers back their context, as Paulin does, you give them back their vitality.

Perhaps that is why he risks most, and says most, about certain contemporary poets. In a builtant essay on Philip Larkin, for example, he describes him as a poet representing and describing "nat-ional decline", whose version of cultural loss and social disgust is

not-so-subtly disguised as private threnody. He characterises Larkin as someone posses-sing false consciourness. trapped by an "English-ness" he despises but cannot escape,

the same thing as saying that he is a mediocre poet. But if a true national culture cannot be created out of second-rate work, that is not to say that a national culture itself is necessarily retrogressive.

For, to paraphrase another poiitical poet, it is possible to read white where Paulin reads black. There are occasions when he suggests that it is wrong for a writer to espouse the values of a nation state although his great avatar, Milton himself, has been described by Christopher Hill as one who conceived his role as that of "the English national poet". If there is a distinction between a nation state and a nation; then Paulin will have to draw it more carefully. At one point he seems to endouse. Years's belief in ... our endorse. Years a pener in ... our central fare, all our nationality', while also implicitly criticising Ted Hughes for representing these aspirations within his own more English poetry.

If a poet embraces historical

consciousness and the written tradition; he may well lose that ro-manticised identity, and power which comes under the rubric of self-expression", but surely there is much to be gained in return? What of poets who have so great a love of their country's history, and so strong a sense of its traditions. that they can make a literature out of the things Paulin abhors? Nevertheless it is a tribute to this

book that it raises such questions, without always answering them. Paulin is in favour of orality, immediacy, and vernacular liberty. This is fundamentally an evangelcal Protestant strategy but, whether one agrees or not, at least it is a strategy. Minotaur provides a coherent and tenable argument, a serious literaty position at a time

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Skiffling on the air

f. a fortnight or so ago, you found yourself gig-gling helplessly into your comflakes at 8.43 am, it's an odds-on bet that you were listening to a smooth drawly voice on Radio 4 spinning yarns about the early days of radio broadcasting. This was Garrison "Lake Wobegon" Keillor, reading a heavily cut version of his latest opus. (So heavily cut that, even if you heard all 12 parts of the serial, you didn't hear the half

of it. missis). Editing such a novel from 400 pages down to three hours must have presented considerable problems. Typically for Keillor, the text seems to consist entirely of comic sub-plot; he writes what you might call invertebrate fiction, with no bony skeleton to the narrative. How does one fillet an earthworm? Which bits do you throw away? In this novel, nothing (and therefore everything) is vital, so everything (and therefore nothing) is irrelevant. The pleasures of reading this kind of fiction rest almost entirely in the manner of the telling, in the Michael Wright

RADIO ROMANCE by Garrison Keillor Faber, E14.99

anecdotes stuffed within the

anecdotes, like a knot of

pythons gorged on guinea pigs gorged on pine kernels.
The book is a comic elegy that both celebrates and laments the passing of the golden age of radio, as revealed in the history (more elastic than scholastic) of Station WLT in downtown Minneapolis. The mood is not so much quirky as quorky. Keillor's narrative method has all the artless improbability of a child creating a crystal garden. Into a harmless-looking solution, the wide-eyed urchin lobs a few spatula-loads of various dun-coloured powders and look Daddy! - next thing you know he's got a beaker full of spangly worms. These are the fleshy, frail and hopelessly libidinous specimens of flawed humanity who people Keillor's idiosyncratic, unpredictable work.

I am not sure if it is exactly nostalgia one feels for an era that flourished in a foreign country and ended before one's birth, but Keillor succeeds admirably in creating just such a sensation in the reader. His novel is a kind of arsy-versy eulogy, a senti-mental satire that praises with faint damns. (A spoonful of medicine makes the sugar

go down.) fronies and double ironies abound. While presenting small-town radio shows as silly and soppy and hick and naff, Keillor shows that they are warm and truthful and human and wonderful, too. as the enemy of radio, and yet his celebration of radio is accomplished in precisely that medium. There is a sense of interchangeability between the characters he creates, and the characters his characters create, as they churn out scripts for the endlessly heartwarming radio dramas broadcast by Station WLT. All are equally fictitious, all equally true.

The result is fizzy stuff, with



Garrison Keillor: elegy for a downtown radio station

humanity but rather less of the underlying melancholy of Keillor's previous work. True to form, the text reads as though he is standing there, improvising his socks off, in front of an old-fashioned radio mike.

What comes out is Heath Robinson prose, wonderfui crunchy, breezy sentences

page like wind-tossed eggshells; sentences so slick they make you want to drawl them at friendly traffic wardens; sentences you can really sink your teeth into. There's not a hint of puny limpidity in sight; the comedy — buckets of the stuff - is of the guffawhooi-and-cackle, rather than the smirk-blush-and-titter vaoodles of the warmth and . that seem to skiffle off the riety. It is a noisy read.

Counting out her money yet again

Phillip Hall achieved his 15 minutes of fame some years back when his researches disclosed that the father of Princess Michael of Kent had had associations with the Nazi SS. On this occasion, in an effort to find out how rich the Queen is, he has been markedly less successful. "It has to be admitted that the concealment of the Queen's investments has been up to now a complete success." he is obliged to admit.

However, Royal Fortune is less a piece of journalistic investigation, more a polemic on what he sees as the iniquities of the royal fam-'s widespread avoidance taxation despite their immense personal wealth. Thanks to a variety of subclauses enshrined in law, the

Queen is virtually the only

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readily looked up at Com-

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tarily surrenders 25 per cent whose holdings cannot be of his revenues from the Duchy of Cornwall to the Treasury, whereas anyone The Prince of Wales volunelse with his level of income

would be instantly punished does now have at least on Alan Hamilton at 40 per cent.

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> the time of his accession. To support his argument, Hall relies too heavily on quotations from prejudiced

ally in the Commons. Simo Hall reminds us that there Hughes MP introduced is no divine right of kings on "tax the Queen" bill und the question of tax avoidance. the ten-minute rule in the la and that previous monarchs Parliament, and may yet tr have had to pay up. The present enviable arrangement private member's bill. stems largely from a deal cooked up between George VI and the Tory government at

The argument is unlikely go away, and The Hous Windsor, for most of century reasonably adept adapting itself to chang times, may yet have to joile rest of us in sufferinge insatiable bloodsucking newspaper columnists, but he the Inland Revenue.

Cinema: Geoff Brown on JFK, Blame It On the Bellboy, Driving Me Crazy and Ma Nuit chez Maud



Confrontation: District Attorney Jim Garrison (Kevin Costner), investigating the assassination of President Kennedy, with the judge (John Finnegan) in Oliver Stone's JFK

Bold but naïve crusader

oasting Kennedy's assassination, a dranken Ed Asner rasps: "Here's to the New Frontier! Cametor in smithereens!" JFK (15, Empire, MGM Trocadero), Oliver Stone's massive, widely publicised drama about District Attorney Jim Garrison's crusade to uncover the truth about November 22, 1963, takes those smithereens and fuses them into an astonishing, electrifying movie.

Forget for a moment the wolf pack's cries of blas, sacrilege or historical inaccuracy. Succumb to the hurding pace, the technical wizardry that allows Stone to dark between recreated scenes, archive footage, photographs and documents without skipping a beat.

Facts — or suppositions presented as facts — pour from the mouths of Kevin Costner and his New Orleans investigators: dates; times, ballistic reports; tangled evidence from Dallas eye witnesses. This is not the time for lazybones.

Neither is JFK custom-built for Costner's fans. Regularly dressed in dull lawyer suits, with briefcase, umbrella and unbecoming specs, Jim Garrison scarcely inspires plinups. Yet Costner remains crucial to the film's strategy.

the film's strategy.

Stone sees Garrison in sympathesic terms, as a lone, humble man fighting against the odds, who refuses to accept that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone — the theory propounded by Washington and endorsed by the Warren Commission. Having assumed James Stewart's mantle in Field of Dreams, Costner now dons it again. Sincerity drips

from his slow, quiet speech. If Kevin Costner comes to believe Kennedy was felled by the CIA, the FBI and Uncle Tom Cobleigh, star power alone suggests that it must be so.

A marvellous troupe cluster around Costner: Gary Oldman as Oswald, the hapless malcontent; Tommy Lee Jones, deliciously languid as the shady businessman Clayton Shaw; Joe Pesci as the volatile David Ferrie, one of many malcontents dragged into the light. Sissy Spacek (Garrison's neglected with) draws the film's short straw. Stone equips, her with five children and a dog, but only the most meagre lines; you can sense him itching to ditch the home front and get back to

For make no mistake: JFK is a war movie as much as anything else, the mouths of Victnam hovers like a black cloud. New Orleans Kennedy, Stone asserts, was pledged to withdraw from South East Asia and mot the film and would never have committed coming troops; an attitude that set the military against him, and helped pave the way for the gunshots at the difference of the sure of the gunshots at the difference of the sure of

But here JFK runs into trouble. Garnson's quest to solve what he calls "the secret murder at the heart of the American dream" assumes that Kennedy is close to a saint: had he stayed in office, the theory runs, he would have saved Stone's generation the agony of Vietnam, solved the civil rights problem and spread Camelof's wonders worldwide. At

the very least, this view is naïve.
Stone's partisan passion also leads him astray in the final reels. We are in court for the trial of Clayton Shaw. Garrison, prosecuting, gives

his summation: grand, sweeping words about the country's malaise; literary references to *Hamlet*, to Tennyson. Action stops and the

typewriter takes over.

At the same time, Stone's crusading zeal is the force that drives the film forward, drawing the viewer deep inside one of the century's biggest puzzles; throughout 190 minutes, our interest rarely flags. JFK is a film to reckon with: pounding with energy and cinematic daring, as flawed and provocative as the man it mourns.

irst features by writer-directors can be glorious occasions for stylistic indulgence and intense autobiography: look at Citizen Kane, or Les Quatre Cents Coups. Or the director may pocket his personality to prove his commercial credentials: look at Blaze It On the Belliboy (12; Odeon West End), the American debut of a 36 year-old Yorkshireman, Mark Herman, whose student graduation film won an Oscar.

If Herman delved into his own experience (he worked selling bacon for the family firm in Hull) what wonders might not be produced? Instead, he has devised a soulless farce machine: slick enough to snare Hollywood finance and low-voltage stars such as Dudley Moore, but lacking individual flavour.

Herman's avowed aim was for an "Ealing-type comedy". He missed: they always do. The film better resembles those empty-headed Sixties comedies, with glamorous European settings. Here, the location is Venice (cue in helicopter footage and

baroque-tinged music). Three men — Orton, Horton and Lawton — stay at a hotel serviced by a bellboy with perilous English. Meek little Orton (Moore), sent to clinch a property sale, gets confused with Lawton (Bryan Brown), a Mafia hitman. Estate agent Patsy Kensit, expecting Orton, meets Horton (Richard Griffiths), a bank manager on a dirty weekend. "I suppose we'd better get

chirps.

Griffiths, all waddles and winks, delivers the brightest performance; Bronson Pinchot makes the most of his moments as the befuddled beilboy. Messrs Moore and Brown brings up the rear. Venice weaves its usual spell; but too many jokes follow the pigeons who intercept Lawton's buillets and fall to the ground deed.

down to the nitty-gritty!" Kensit

ground, dead.

Driving Me Crazy (12, Cannon Oxford Street) was called Dutch in the States. Whatever the title, box-office prospects seem poor for John Hughes, its writer and producer, has temporarily mislaid the golden touch that generated The Breakfast Club and Home Alone.

Comedy needs likeable characters.

Hughes burdens himself with a thoroughly odious blue-chip adolescent, Doyle, who is forcibly snatched from his boarding school for a long ride back to mom and her Thanksgiving celebrations. Doyle's escort is Dutch (Ed O'Neill), mom's new boyfriend: tiresomely virile and working-class. "I'm a breakthrough kind of a guy!" he brags; but the vicious brat (Ethan Randali, seen in All I Want For Christmas) brings him, and the film, close to defeat.

Shrill characters aside, Hughes's script is patched together from remnants. A holiday season, a cross-country trip with mismatched travellers, sudden pools of sentiment: wasn't all this last assembled under the title Planes, Trains & Automobiles? Peter Falman, the director of Crocodile Dundes, does little to accelerate the pace of its 107 minutes: we reach journey's end dispirited and exhausted.

A dip into the past revives the spirits. Eric Rohmer's Ma Nuit chez Mand (12, National Film Theatre and Renoir), from 1969, bristles with intricate talk of morals and philosophy as snow descends on the dull, tidy town of Clermont-Ferrand (beautifully captured in Nestor Almendros's black-and-white photography). Voyeurs should expect nothing from Jean-Louis Trintignant's night with Maud: a dutiful Catholic, he sleeps alone in a chair, though Françoise Fabian's burnished performance as the free-thinking divorcee would be enough to tempt a monastery.

Today, most films shrink from showing they have brains: the lowest common denominator rules. But Ma Nuit chez Maud — the film that sealed Rohmer's international reputation — makes no bones about its high IQ. Talk flows freely, wittily, about Pascal, religious beliefs and Marxist philosophy.

Yet characters remain people, not soap-boxes: and Rohmer takes infectious delight in watching them manoeuvre their clashing ideals. Crisply shot, seductively acted, Ma Nuit chez Maud shines like a jewel in a murky world.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Not all wrapped up in their leaves

onsidering the quantity of regular interviews on the subject, you would think there was some mystery to the diurnal round of the full-time writer. "What do they do all day?" is often asked; but the answer is always a let-down. Well, they put on cardigans, usually. And they make cups of tea. And they sit at desks. And sometimes, not surprisingly, they get lonely and demoralised. The poet Hugo Williams wondered once (in the Times Literary Supplement) whether his function in life had not been reduced to converting sundry brown liquids into colourless ones.

Last night's tarky Bookmark (BBC 2) was a refreshing antidote to all this. Here were jolly interviews with a range of writers who had followed the well-attested advice, "Don't give up the day job", and as a consequence were happy as Larry.

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Interspersed with the interviews were short, funny dramatised scenes in which a would-be writer with an effete Beardsley profile and a fancy waistcoat attempted to peck out the opening paragraph of Chapter One. His miserable efforts were set against the robust good sense of people such as boyish poet Simon Armitage, who works as a probation officer, and the serene exmemsahib Sara Banerji, who supports her novel-writing by gardening in Oxford at £6 an

Producer Daisy Goodwin asked good questions. For example, was Armitage an ambitious probation officer? Well, much as he loved his job, he had to admit that all his ambitions were literary. The point of the programme, however, was that having a day-job was healthy: it brought essential contact with other people; it supplied an identity, and took pressure off the Muse; and it paid the bills in a delightfully

regular kind of way.
Goodwin had tracked down Paul Sayer, the psychiatric nurse whose first novel, The Comforts of Madness, famously won the Whitbread Prize in 1988. On receipt of this large cheque, Sayer had subsequently left his job, and now wrote novels all day in a featureless white room at home. He did not seem happy. In fact he evidently devoted a lot of energy to not screaming.

Each writer made a different point, or had different things to prove. The poet Peter Reading (an unengaging fellow) works as a weighbridge operator in Shropshire, flatly characterising the Job as requiring no mental skills whatsoever. Melvyn Bragg looked back on his long-ago six-year period as a full-time writer with

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evident horror, and insisted that his writing had not

benefited from it.

Erich Segal, after the huge success of Love Story, had clung to his classics teaching at Yale, determined to prove that he was nevertheless a "serious" academic. And John Mortimer reflected on how pleasant it had been, during his playwright phase, to continue at the Bar. If things were going badly at the box office, you see, he could cheer himself up by winning a case.

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Goodwin talked sometimes to the work colleagues
of these part-time authors
(though not when the subjects were famous). "Did you
know he was a writer?"
"Have you read any of his
poetry?" A lorry driver in
Shropshire said he had been
surprised when he had read
some of Peter Reading's poetry, but didn't mention
whether he had checked a
few dozen words in the
Shorter O.E.D.. like the rest
of us. Simon Armitage's bossaid that the poetry didn't
Interfere with the work; and



Erich Segal: "serious"

in any case, you need a sense of writerly detachment if you are to succeed in the probation service. Sara Banerji said she hadn't told her employers she was a writer, for fear they would jump to the conclusion that she could not therefore be a decent

Writers are often accused of knowing nothing about the world of salaried employment. Listen to any episode of *The Archers* when the "estate office" is mentioned, and you will find the epitome of helpless guesswork er, offices deal with files, don't they? So it was interesting to watch the details of some of these day-jobs: Armitage filling in an official form, for instance. But whether the stay-at-home writer is correct to envy the nine o'clock crowd flowing over London Bridge (as in *The Waste Land*) is another matter.

Certainly, as we watched this dispiriting sight in telephoto close-up, sighs short and infrequent were definitely exhaled, and each man fixed his eyes before his feet. Thank goodness I don't have to sit at a word processor in a warm house all day," was probably the thought furthest from anybody's

LYNNE TRUSS

Tricky

THE film, The Addams Family, may be riding high at the cinema box-office, but this is no comfort to David Levy, executive producer of the Sixties' television series, which first presented Charles Addams's macabre cartoons in narrative form. He is suing the film-makers for a minimum of \$50 million (£28 million), and claims authorship for various tricks transferred to the big screen: from Gomez's fencing skills and Morticia's habit of beheading roses, to the illuminated lightbulb in Uncle Fester's

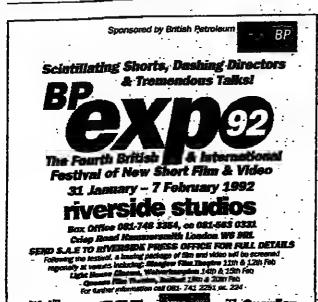
Farewell to art

JOANNA Drew, the director of the Hayward Gallery, is retiring in September at the age of 63, after 40 years with the Arts Council and then the

South Bank Board. Her successor—front-runners are likely to include Sandy Nairne, the Arts Council's visual arts officer, David Ellioti, director of the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford, Andrew Dempsey, Drew's deputy, and Catherine Lampert, director of the White-chapel—will have more than curating to address. The Hayward is scheduled to be demolished under the South Bank's latest development scheme and rebuilt on the other side of the Festival Hall.

Last chance...

WHETHER The Kosh's Dinner Dance is dance, the aire or a new amalgam of both forms, there is no denying the commitment of the company to this entertainment, impressive for its split-second timing and exhilarating energy if for nothing else. The final performances are tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 7.45 pm at the Lyric, Hammersmith (081-741 2311).



GALLERIES: LONDON

Finding the magic in machinery

he romantic imagination has always been stirred by structures slipping gracefully into decay. Once it might have been a Gothic folly or a medieval keep, but these have now been smartened up and turned into heritage sites, complete with visitor centres, shops and neatly-mown grass.

Edna Lumb has found her

Edna Lumb has found her inspiration in industrial buildings and their contents, a taste she acquired before it was commonplace. Today these buildings too, are becoming shrines; the more Britain slips down the manufacturing league, the safer the distance from which it is prepared to admire its indus-

trial past.

Born and trained in Leeds,
Limb has spent the past 40
years recording some wonderful things: mills, foundries, warehouses, engines,
markets. She paints them
with a blend of precision and
dramatic licence, the light
flooding in to the huge spaces
and emphasising the sculptural qualities of drums, coils
and turbines.

and turbines.

Her work is now on display in a new picture gallery at the Science Museum in South Kensington, in a space converted from an old boardroom. The gallery is welcome not least because it will provide a chance to display from time to time the museum's own permanent collection, which includes such delights as Loutherberg's Coalbrookdale by Night, a contemporary and highly romantic image of the industrial revo-

lution.

Lumb acquired her taste young. Her parents complained that when they took her for a drive, the only time she showed any enthusiasm was when they passed

Nigel Hawkes reviews two exhibitions

which entertainingly bridge the gap between the worlds of science and art



Edna Lumb: her work records "some wonderful things"

works from an enterprising

institution on the Pacific coast of the United States: Art

from the Exploratorium, in

The Exploratorium was

founded in 1969 by Dr Frank

Oppenheimer, brother of J.

Robert O., of atom bomb

fame, on the principle that

artists and scientists were

brothers under the skin. Both

were "professional noticers"

trained to explore the world

around them and try to make

sense of what they saw. Now

the San Francisco gallery has

650 interactive exhibits and

is visited by half a million

use scientific methods to play

tricks, create patterns, distort

images and generate move-

The 19 objects on display

people each year.

San Francisco.

slagheaps. By the mid-Sixties, living in Geneva, she was painting gravel quarries. She began to paint machines when she went to Biafra in the early Seventies to record the emergency relief flights, and was fascinated by engineers leaning like surgeons over the engines of the ageing aircraft, frantically working at night as they struggled to keep the airlift going.

Her exhibition includes a painting of the cranes building the tower at Canary Wharf, an image which she characteristically prefers to the finished building. Down there in the Isle of Dogs another new space for art has been provided, and shows for the first time in this country a selection of curious, jokey

taining toys, at a third elegant demonstrations of things seldom seen. Tornado by Ned Kahn creates the twirling currents of a twister from a rising column of water vapour, while his Chaotic Pendulum gives an insight into the unpredictable behaviour of a chaotic system.

A t Canary Wharf there

ment. At one level they are

sculpture, at another enter-

t Canary Wharf there is a good sample of what the museum is all about. Among the most attractive of the exhibits are the contemplative ones, such as Carl Cheng's Friendship Acrobatic Troupe, a huge acrylic tank full of water through which air is bubbled in strange and soothing patterns, including magical smoke rings. Paul DeMarinis has created an excellent joke with his Alien Voices: two telephone kiosks between which two people may converse, their voices distorted in a variety of styles from horror movie to plainsong.

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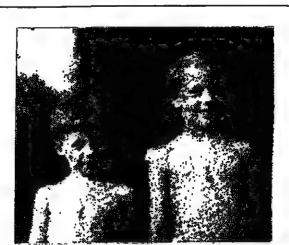
The same artist has provided four touch-sensitive guitars through which anybody can play tunes. Rhythm, tempo and key are provided by a computerised synthesiser which makes even non-musicians sound good.

Is this art or science? It is certainly good fun. Even the security men at Canary Wharf wander around with smiles on their faces, and there are not many galleries of which that can be said.

 Edna Lumb, at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (071-938 8000),

until May 4.

• Art from the Exploratorium, at the Rotunda Gallery, Cabot Place East, Canary Wharf, London E14 (071-418 2418), until March 1



"There is no law that requires any member of the Shadow Cabinet to know anything about their subject, but I have been steeped in education since childhood."

Jack Straw and his sister are members of a teaching dynasty. The TES talks to them, and their mother, this Friday.



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The terror of history

Michael Binyon on the Kremlin's secret archives

communism's inner sanctum, the Soviet party's archives and documents where the truth has remained under lock and key for generations, is finally to be revealed to the world. Historians will be able to read the complete record which is to be microfilmed by the British firm Chadwyck-Healey. The potentially explosive effect can already be gauged by the use Moscow News has made of KGB telephone log-books to question President Gorbachev's version of last

August's attempted coup. Mr Gorbachev himself began the movement for openness, but in launching his glasnost campaign, he intended only to counter the corrosive cynicism of the late Brezhnev years by reducing the credibility gap between what was said and what people saw around them. He wanted especially to "fill in the blank pages of history": to dismantle Stalin's "Ministry of Truth" and allow people to discuss what actually happened without fear. Only by removing the pervasive need for falsification - of facts, statistics, setbacks and public information could a rational basis be created for individual responsibility and economic growth.

hat Mr Gorbachev and liberal commu-nists did not realise was that glasnost would not stop at Stalin's crimes. Once the nation became accustomed to breaking taboos - films showing the gulags, the destruction of churches, the weeping testimony of Bukharin's widow - more would be broken. Questioning would become a habit. People would demand to see for themselves the one thing that Marxism always claimed as the basis for its superiority: the "objective" truth. That meant access to secret documents. Yet while such crimes as the Ribbentrop-Molotov secret protocols and the Katyn massacre of Polish officers were admitted — through gritted teeth — Mr Gorbachev refused to open the entire party

Communism was uniquely vulnerable to such examination. Marx insisted that the future could be predicted from the past, and Lenin wrote exhaustively on history as a basis for analysing social developments. However, when the Bolsheviks came to power, reality falled to match their predictions. Crime did not disappear, productivi-ty did not increase as foreseen, nationalism did not diminish. Stalin could not accept error or blame. If reality did not correspond to history, history must be changed. So began the falsification of the past: a campaign of lies that even extended back into the 15th century in order to "prove" that Russia was then already a bourgeois democracy, passing through what the ideologists insisted was an essential stage between feudalism

The West has long known about and ridiculed this falsification of history, but when ordinary Russians began to realise that the moral framework of their society was based on lies, the momentum for change became unstoppable. Truth would out: more truth even than Western governments would allow to their own societies. The compilers of the television series The Second Russian Revolution were told struggles than any documentary-maker would learn from former cabinet ministers in Britain

Now a whole society is indulging in a bitter debate over history, much as Germany did after the defeat of the Nazis. The effects are not always positive: generations and national groups have been set against each other, millions of old people have seen their life's work discredited, the search for truth has sometimes turned into vendetta.

Already voices are heard decrying open access. Already Russians are calling for restrictions on the potential use of history for blackmail and nationalist agitation. But as Dr Jana Howlett, special adviser to the chief Russian archivist Rudolf Pikhoia, said, only by making the documents available to all can a balanced assessment be made.

Within hours of the collapse of the Moscow coup in August, hardliners at the central committee began shredding communist party archives. They were stopped on Boris Yeltsin's orders. They knew that communism was threat-ened not just by the anger of Muscovites or the decrees of President Gorbachev, but by the people's access to the truth.

Bruce Arnold, the journalist whose phone was tapped, describes his fight with the Irish government

he Irish have an appetite for the past unparalleled in modern political democracies. The events of 1982 have an obsessive interest, from the night Garret FitzGerald's government collapsed over the budget debate at the end of January to the fall of the Haughey-led administration

after the November election.

Nothing attracts more attention than the phone-tapping of two political journalists, Geraldine Kennedy and myself. I remember the feeling well: it is like a burglary of the mind. By their nature, many of the conversations a political journalist has are private, secret and tense. This was particularly so for me, working as an English journalist in a country where nationalism often blurs into anti-British sentiments. I was also aware that calls made by my wife and three teenage children had been the subject of this

persistent, silent intrusion. Finally, there was the very strange reaction of colleagues, friends and strangers. Fellow iournalists were suspicious. Being tapped seemed almost to be a kind of accolade for which I

Why they bugged me

should be grateful. It was the subject of mirth and snide remarks, and it brought notoriety rather than lasting credit. Perhaps the single most unhanpy aspect was the damage done to my relationships with politicians of all parties, changing fundamentally the close involvement I had enjoyed in the political process in the Dail. My telephone was tapped

between May and mid-July, Geraldine Kennedy's from the end of July until November, mid-way through the second general election of that year. The tapping had nothing to do with government leaks. It was initiated largely because I was writing regularly about the growing disillusionment within the Fianna Fail party at Charles Haughey's inability to lead the party to electoral victory. He had lost the 1981 general election.

He had come to power early in

1982 by doing a deal with an

persuading the un-reliable. Workers' party to support him. Many people in Fianna Fail thought his leadership had many drawbacks, and I was reporting this

been a political land since the early 1960s, my position as an Englishman was frequently referred to, often in a disparaging way. In a celebrated party conference

Although I had

up or blow out". This residual antipathy to a British commentator criticising

Blow-in who should either blow

of dirty tricks part of the justificaspeech in 1977, Liam Cosgrave prime minister of the 1973-7 condition, had attacked me as a

Irish politicians was palpable



taken by Charles Haughey's govern-The government was out of step with Europe, in part at least because relations between Mr Haughey and Mrs Thatcher were strained. This led to jibes about me being "anti-national" in

tion for tapping on my tele-phone. It was extremely difficult for me to deal with this criticism. which was repeated by mem-bers of Mr Haughey's Fianna Fail long after the 1983 announcement about the tap and the declaration by Garret Fitz-Gerald's government that what

had been done was wrong.

Moving swiftly after the announcement in January 1983. Mr Haughey and his party effectively pre-empted the position of Sean Doherry, the then justice minister. Mr Haughey emphatically denied all knowledge. The party condemned what had been done and called for a judicial enquiry. And Mr Doherly was faced with a choice. Either he must challenge his leader and his party in the most confrontational way by telling the truth, or he must endorse Mr Haughey's declara-tion of ignorance and take all the blame for the phone-taps. my attitude, and this was used as He chose the latter course, and has lived with the consequences for nine years. He became caught up in lies, maintaining

> was the motive for the taps. I was forced to take a High Court action against the state One of the purposes of this was to establish that I had constitutional rights, even though I was

the pretence that state security

not an Irish citizen within the terms of the Irish constitution. I then had to establish that these rights had been breached, and that the actions taken against me were illegal. This proved comprehensively successful, and the High Court awarded substantial damages to Geraldine Kennedy, myself and my wife. The judgment, in January 1987, did not, however, end the allegations about my role and:

The confrontation that Sean-Doherty avoided in 1983 has now taken place. It is his word against Mr Haughey's. Each man has a poor record of telling the truth, but their versions, of the events of 1982 are, diametrically opposed. But the latest version from Sean Doherty has a coherence of motive and purpose which Charles Haughey's declaration of ignorance has never had... Charles Haughey always knew. it was his business to know. Political expediency dictated the need to deny all knowledge.

Bruce Arnold is principal political commentator on the

Victims of daylight robbery

Bernard Levin says the banks are staging a blatant hold-up

ere I to suggest that Lord Alexander of Quinton, Sir Peter Walters and Sir Jeremy Morse (respective chairmen of Nat-West, Barclays, Midland and Lloyds) should go and sack themselves, I believe that they would not feel angry, upset, scornful or even litigious, but genuinely bewildered; why on earth, they would think, should we do such a thing? One answer would be for

them to study a recent phenomenon, which I have monitored with much pleasure. All over the country, whenever — and it is once a week or so — the head-lines say "Banks set to lose hundreds of millions more" (the latest actual figure was £6.5 billion), there is cheering and delight. Where the "high street" banks are concerned, the worm has turned so completely that the customers, still smarting from the indignities and unpleasantnesses practised upon them over the years, hoot with laughter when they find that another few hundred millions in loans without them bothering with anything like sufficient security for the money. ("More, Bob? Of course, Bob. Pay it back whenever you feel flush, Bob.") How does it go? "The Devil was sick, the devil a monk would

be; the Devil was well, the devil a monk was he." So hated have the banks become, that they have even sworn to reform (in case legislation compels them to); Barclays, for instance, has promulgated a wonderfully funny "code of conduct" for aggrieved customers, and the others will no doubt be joining in the fun.

By now they must be feeling what the Christians felt when the lions were let in. Condemned for their profligacy towards rich crooks and for their parsimony towards small businesses. shamefully denying the phe-

nomenon of the "phantom withdrawals" from cash-machines even when the robbed cardholder can prove that he and the card were abroad when the theft took place, there is yet another wretched bit of bankery, tiny but all too significant, that I have

recently come across.

The banks are selling life insurance. Nothing wrong with that, or even the junk mail comeup. But it plainly did not catch on, so another form letter was sent out. Then the tired routine: "Due to a desire ... to ensure that this protection is made available to as many Customers as possible, the Application Closing Date has been extended... Do they really think they deceive their customers with

such bamboozlings? But now I must go into detail on a much bigger bamboozle, and one that is not nearly so easily spotted and skewered, for all that it has the characteristics of a nice old confidence trick. To my knowledge, the trick is so far confined to Barclaycard Visa but no doubt the other creditcard companies have found their own methods of hypnotising their customers into the belief that they are getting a bargain. It concerns a form of giveaway (don't you know that banks and bank offshoots never give anything away?) called Profiles, and its working is simplic-

services is made by using Barclaycard Visa or Barclaycard Mastercard, for every £10 spent the cardholder is awarded one Profile point. These points are automatically recorded, and with every monthly Visa or Mastercard account, the number of points the cardholder has accumulated is detailed. As it happens, I must be one of the most points-rich customers, for I use my cards very extensively (though of course I pay off the

When a purchase of goods or



whole balance every month: even I am not such a fool as to allow myself to go over time and fall into the hands of the most impudent scam that ever went

by the name of interest). The next step is the Profiles catalogue, which lays out, well photographed, most of the items that the Profilist can get for his points, that being how it's done: you have built up, say, a credit of 500 points, you spot in the catalogue something which "costs" 500 points, and which

you want, and there you are. (From the photographs, the merchandise seems to be of good quality.)

Now watch the rabbit come out of the hat. Did you see it long, furry ears, nose twitching. pink eyes? You have no doubt that it is an authentic rabbit? Neither have I. But I wasn't watching the rabbit, because I know how the trick is done: while you and all the other suckers were watching the rabbit, I was watching the conjuror

and points alone, was 117, with only 24 requiring an inescapable mon-Come with me to the 1991-2 Profiles catalogue. There you will find

that the choice option is no longer offered; if there is a price-tag on the item you want, you must pay the extra cash, and cannot go on until you have collected more points to get it cash-free. Moreover, by my count, the number of items carrying a cash penalty is 93, and the number that are cash-free is 36 — as opposed. (would remind you, for the previous year's total of cash-

choices was 20.

Since nobody was

grand total of items

which could be "bought" for points

Now estimate, to 15 places of decimals, the depth of greed which Barclaycard can reach to milk their customers. Remember, a point-collector gets one point for every £10 spent, so to get something for 1,000 points there will

have been £10,000 of expenditure. And that gigantic balance is not enough for them; they must have found in the first year that the millions they were taking in had to be put in the scales against a pin, whereupon, with infinite skill, they have sawn off the

pin's head. Over the centuries, there have been many naive attempts to curb or even abolish rapacious usury, and all have failed. It's probably a waste of time, but I'll find the time if you will. Let's have one more try.



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

esterday, I joined the queue in the village butchers. Everyone seemed strangely guarded, even defen-sive. "And what will you be having, madam?" the butcher asked the woman at the front, "A nice lamb chop, perhaps — or haven't you decided?"

"Of course I've decided. My position on the matter in question has always been crystal clear. It's only my opponents who try to claim otherwise. And that's because they're running scared she barked back.

"So you'd like a lamp chop?" "That's not what I said at all. You're putting words into my mouth. I'd like you to withdraw that remark. It's a vicious calumny got up by my opponents."
Eventually, the butcher apologised, the irate woman walking away with a string of sausages,

had been badly misrepresented. "Dear, oh, dear," muttered the butcher to the next person in the queue, a man in a hat. "She's been like that ever since the political parties began their electioneering."

muttering all the while that she

"Like what?" said the man in the hat. "Well . . you know . . .

prickly."
"Why shouldn't she be? That's what I'd like to know. There's no reason why she should let you ride roughshod over her. No reason at all!" raged the man in the hat. "In my opinion, her buying policy has remained utterly consistent, no matter what her opponents might

equivocally when she came into the shop that she was going to buy two chicken breasts," shouted a man at the back of the queue. "Then when she had got halfway up the queue, she had changed it — within my hearing — to a pound of pig's liver. Then she denied that she was going to have a lamb chop. And what does she walk away with? A string of sausages!"

By now, the whole queue was in uproar, shopper taking sides against shopper in a barrage of tion. Ever since the run-up to the general election succeeded the run-up to the run-up to the general election, everyone in the village has become a mite edgy, and the slightest little

thing can set them off. A lady with a basket leapt to the defence of the lady with sausages. "Yes." she said. "she bought sausages because the world situation had changed by the time she reached the front of the queue. There's nothing inconsistent in that, nothing at all!

It's adapting to circumstances." All those Question Times and Newsnights have been taking their toll. These days, everyone in the village has to occupy an unassailable position on every topic. Caution and aggression are their watchwords. Personally, I told the butcher. I could come to terms with it if only they

didn't smile quite so much. "It's that Tony Blair," the butcher whispered to me, "always smiling, even when he's discussing proposed percentage permit it.

"But I heard her state un-nuivocally when she came into contributions. And now all my customers are at it, smile, smile, smile, morning, noon and night. Frankly, I can't wait for the election to be over, so they'll stop grinning and start looking sullen again. Next!"

"Couple of pounds of rump steak." said a sweet old lady. "Couple of pounds of rump steak - certainly, madam "You misquoted me," said the

sweet old lady. "I didn't misquote you." replied the butcher. "I never said

snapped the sweet old lady. The next customer, a man in a lightweight suit, had been influenced. I suspect, by endlessly watching Mr Michael Howard. "Yes, sir" said the butcher,
"What would you like to order?"
"That is, if I may say so, a
ludicrous over-simplification of

a very complex issue," replied the man in the lightweight suit. "and I would like to answer it, if I may, in three separate stages, taking account of a worldwide recession, the break-up of the Soviet Union, the single market and anything else that comes to hand. First, and let me make this quite clear. I have no doubt at all that ... an hour and a half later, he had agreed that what he really wanted was six lambs' kidneys and a pork pie, a decision which started hoots of derision from behind. As I write. there are only two shead of me in the queue. I now think that I may well order a duck, but only if changing world circumstances

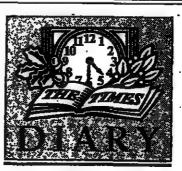
Not us, brother

FOR the first time in more than 65 years, the Labour leadership is set to boycott Transport House during the general election campaign in an attempt to shed its trade union image. Ever since Labour moved into the headquarters of the Transport and General Workers Union in 1926, Labour leaders, from Ramsay MacDonald to Jim Callaghan have launched their election propaganda from Transport Hall, the ground floor conference hall in the TGWU

headquarters. Even after Labour moved out of the TGWU building in 1980. Michael Foot in 1983 and Neil Kinnock in 1987 held their London press conferences there. Kinnock also used the hall during the 1989 European election cam-

The planned move is designed to counter Tory allegations that Labour is in the pocket of the unions. Yet the abandonment of Transport House will prove inconvenient to everyone. As it sits opposite Tory Central Office in Smith Square, for years Labour and Tory officials have held bipartisian meetings in advance of elections to agree a timetable which allows journalists to stroll the 50 yards across the road as one press conference immediately followed the other.

The Methodist Central Hall in Westminster confirmed yesterday that it had been approached as an alternative venue. The Queen Elizabeth II conference centre has been rejected as too expensive and Labour's Walworth Road offices are too distant. But the TGWU seemed unaware that it had been snubbed. "We are more than happy to make our facilities available," said a spokesman.



 The Queen has achieved the unthinkable: she has shifted the BBC's Nine O'Clock News from its sacrosanct spot to make way for a programme on her 40th anniversary next month. Only football matches and party political broadcasts have previously managed the feat. Mark Damazer, editor of the Nine O'Clock News, says: "I can't think of any time when a pre-recorded programme has moved us. We will make the most of the extra time to ensure the 9.50 News is more up to date than ever."

In a state

LEADING citizens of the former county of Rutland are uniting to declare a state of UDI. The Duke of Rutland, Lord King and Lady Ruddle, whose family founded the Ruddles brewery chain, are at the head of a campaign to re-establish the lost county by restoring "You are now entering historic Rur-land" signs at every border crossing. Lady Ruddle, whose late husband Sir Kenneth led the opposition to the original 1974 boundary changes, which abol-ished Rutland by absorbing it into Leicestershire, says: "Many of the original signs were stolen by souvenir hunters. We want them

In spite of being a former chair-

man of Leicestershire county council, the Duke says he has no doubt where his loyalty lies. "I am very much in favour of Rutland having its independence restored. always use Rutland, not Leicestershire, on envelopes." The Duke's successors on the

moving about the audience and

relieving the customers of their-

wallets, their necklaces, their

briefcases and - given time -

the line and the lamp-brackets.

In the Profiles catalogue for

1990-1, most of the items could

be claimed, with no more ado, if

the customer had enough

points; by my count, there were 97 such items. In the case of the

remaining ones (I made it 44), a

sum of money was in addition required, and the bigger the

points total, the bigger the extra

county council have not given official approval to the signs, a drawback the campaigners have no intention of allowing to stand in their way. Lord King, the chair-man of British Airways, who lives has ever recognised that it was not Rutland." A fundraising effort has been launched and the next step will be a campaign for a new post code. "At the moment we are LE15. We want RU1," says Alan Duncan, the Tory prospective par-liamentary candidate for Rutland and Meiton. Indeed, the desired postcode has become almost a password among true Ruflanders: Are you one?"

Heads together

BRITAIN'S former European commissioners meet today for a rare old boys' reunion. The exclusive club will be headed by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, president of the commission from 1977 to 1981, who will be joined by Lord Clinton-Davis, Lord Richard and Sir Christopher Tugendhat. Somewhat unenterprisingly, they will discuss the future of Europe.

The present commissioners, Sir Leon Brittan and Bruce Millan. will also join the distinguished club when they grace a dinner Jenkins is planning for July. "We have a common identity although we don't defend the commission at all costs," says Clinton-Davis. And what is the collective noun used to describe such a gathering of former commission heavyweights? In the best EC traditions, it can

only be a mountain.

Taking wing

THE dodo took to the air this week, a feat the creature never managed even before it became extinct 330 years ago. The bird flew 7,000 miles to Mauritius after Edinburgh's National Museum of Scotland agreed to restore the bones to the bird's native island. The skeleton was reconstructed from bones discovered in a



Mauritian swamp more than 100 years ago. Peter Summers from the museum spent eight weeks rebuilding the bird and is now in Mauritus with his creation to research further endangered species, such as the pink pigeon and the Mauritius kestrel. The need to save them is, indeed, desperate. "Dead as a pink pigeon" just does not have the same ring.

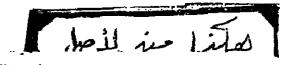
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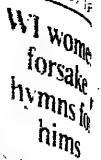
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April is the crueliest month, in T.S. Eliot's words, which may explain why there has not been an April election this century. But congratulations to Kenneth Clarke for perhaps the first honest answer on the timing of the election: "I hope the prime minister hasn't made his mind up and that he is not reading the newspapers for clues."





The general election should be held on May No further purpose is served by delaying a decision on the date. With the next Budget set yesterday for March 10, the last significant piece in the electoral jigsaw has now been put in place. April is too soon after the Budget and has severe poll-tax draw-backs for the Tories. Any date later than May would mean an intolerable delay. Even were the opinion polls adverse throughout April, it is hard to believe that Tory managers would dare postpone in the hope of an improvement by June.

Unless he quickly ends the uncertainty,
John Major is in danger of earning himself a
reputation as a procrastinator. He toyed with a post-Gulf election and ducked it. He flirted seriously with a November election, and ducked that. Now speculation intensifies daily. In Sunday's papers he has decided for April; in Monday's, he favours May, in Wednesday's, he leans to April; and so on in an ever more wearisome round. Most of these stories are tenuously based, on corridor gossip, wishful thinking and backbench speculation. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, was refreshingly honest yesterday when he said nobody had anyidea when Mr Major would run but he would himself

favour a later date than April.

Apart from the nearly hysterical analysis of yawing opinion polls, there is no further information to assist Mr Major in choosing between April and May. Certainly there is some risk that movements in European interest rates may put pressure on the pound. but the government would do everything it could to avoid raising rates before the

election anyway. For the present it is unlikely to cut them. The only room for manoeuvre on the economic front is in the Budget, and any generosity then would, on the experts view, yield a more solid electoral return if it were allowed to sink in for two months before polling day. A quick tax-cutting Budget immediately before an election campaign would be unedifying and counter-productive. To be sure, an April date would bring governmental uncertainty to an earlier conclusion. The year-old election campaign has all but paralysed much of Whitehall as ministers and officials are unable either to plan unpopular measures, or even to predict when they can resume planning them. All eyes are fixed on one thing, the government's chances of re-election. But most unsettling has been uncertainty over the date itself.

There are sound practical reasons for the May date. April would almost certainly kill the bill now before Parliament to abolish the poll tax and introduce the council tax. This whole gory process would have to be resumed after the election. For the Tories, April 9 happens also to be the week that 1992 poll tax bills start to arrive. The electorate would be painfully reminded on the eve of polling that the Tories have not yet succeeded in abolishing the tax, and to soften the blow

they might be tempted into a further subsidy. An election held in May would be less dominated by the politics of the pocket book. Other important issues would get a look in: defence, health, education, devolution and local government. May 7 is also the date of the local elections and its choice would ensure a higher turnout for those elections, which would be desperate affairs if held a

month after a full-blown general election. The prime minister may hesitate to announce a date for fear that the nation will not tolerate so long-drawn out a battle. But a formal announcement will make little difference to a campaign that is already nearly a year old. Certainty as to the date, and the prospect of a further three months of government, should calm nerves. The press and broadcasters might lose interest in reporting gimmicks and calumnies. The politicians could settle to a steadier pace, ahead of the final sprint. The electorate could then return a more mature verdict than the present exchange of vacuous unpleasantries appears to permit.

NO EMPTY TALK

The Washington international conference on aid to the former Soviet Union has noobvious goal or function. The Europeans see it as a public relations ploy-by an empattled Bush administration. Most Third World countries attending are either 100 poor or too remote to play any useful role, And the 11. countries whose views are of paramount importance—Russia and the other republics have not been invited. The Group of Seven renewed commitments from President industrialised nations and interesting the state of the Community have already discussed one to sustain democracy and freedom gency and exhaustively. Do include the sustain democracy and freedom international co-ordination and title aree to get anything moving before the end of the Russian winter?* -

They do not, but now the meeting has. started, it should not be wasted. Only now is: the world discovering the truth of what Britain has been saying for over a year, that pouring money and food may the Soviet Union is like pouring resources into a pottomless pit. Without the most rigorous supervision, well-intentioned donations are diverted straight to the black market. Consignments of food rot in warehouses while obstinate bureaucrats bicker and oafish lorry drivers demand their cut. Exasperated donor countries need to ressess the scale of the need and the limits of Western intervention:

As well as bringing home to a reluctant. American public the message that feeding the Russians is as strategic to Western Interests as was confrontating their former military might, the conference usefully points in the gap between pledges and performance. Western bureaucracy looks almost as aumbersome as that in the East. Of the \$2.4 billion in aid promised by the EC, only about a tenth has so far been delivered. The Americans, who have promised slightly more, have delivered even less. The Japanese have delivered nothing, despite a commitment of \$2.6 billion and the consensus at last year's G? summit that humanitarian aid was politically urgent.

Though if was not supposed to be a pledging event, President Bush's announcement of an extra \$645 million is clearly designed to elicit similar promises from some of the other 47 countries taking part. But the point is not to raise more money, obtain

corruption and mismanagement in Russia and the republics, enhance bilateral aid, and speed up Russian membership of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other world bodies used to wading through economic quagmires.

The working groups must get down to details: should food aid be sold or donated? Should others follow France in adopting shops in big cities and loading up their own lorries and drivers on transport planes? Can Nato troops be used to guard the food convoys? Who would organise an auction of EC food? Even, do lorries need to carry satellite dishes to prevent their being hijacked?

This conference cannot draw up an international Marshall plan. It should not involve itself with requests for a stabilisation fund: that is the job of the IMF, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other standing agencies. It cannot do much at this stage to assuage the anger and anguish of the millions queuing in the snow for bread. It will not overcome in two days the differences of view between Europeans and Americans. What it can do is focus world attention on the shambles in the East, and strengthen the West's commitment to the viability of a democracy which it has so long sought.

SOCIABLE TRENDS

"Whatever happened to collective values?" was the plaint so often heard from the left during the Thatcher years. The wails were matched by those from the right lamenting the decline of family values. Both sides will claim that their fears are justified by the 1992 edition of Social Trends, out yesterday. Both would be wrong.

At first glance, society does seem to have atomised. More and more Britons are living alone single people now make up 26 per cent of all households compared with just 12 per cent in 1961. There are more one-parent families — nearly a fifth of the total — though most are the result of divorce, separation or death rather than choice. Twenty-eight per cent of babies are now born outside marriage (up from 5 per cent in 1960), but most areregistered by both parents, ready to give the child a stable home.

Though Britain has the second-highest divorce rate in the EC, it also has the secondhighest rate for marriages. All too easily a picture can be drawn of old people forced to live alone, youngsters deserting their parents, couples splitting up and living separately, children being brought up by only one adult. The facts do not always support such a view. Even where they do, this does not mean that Britain is turning into an increasingly selfish.

introspective and solitary society. ... More people may live alone but, perhaps as a result, they seem to be choosing to spend more time away from home with other ipeople. A higher percentage of British men either work or want to work than in any other EC country, while in this respect British women are beaten only by Denmark. In their spare time, their pursuits are returning to the communal. Though television watching is still the most popular home-based leisure activity, the number of hours watched is falling. Visiting or entertaining friends or relations comes second.

Meanwhile, despite the increasing popularity of the video cassette recorder (in 60 per cent of all households now), cinema attendance, another collective activity, is rising. Sixty-four per cent of people saw a film in a cinema last year, compared with just 38 per cent in 1984. Attendance at football matches is also picking up, especially in Scotland where the number going to premier division games has risen by almost half in the past ten years. This may be because the one collective activity now in decline in Britain is football hooliganism.

On days out, gregarious visits to friends or relations are by far the most popular activity. easily surpassing sightseeing, culture or sport. Granny may live alone, but she does not want for company. For tourist attractions, nothing can beat the British seaside, the most sociable place to have fun. Blackpool Pleasure Beach tops the league table of free attractions, with the Palace Pier in Brighton and the Pleasure Beach at Great

Yarmouth not far behind. Perhaps the best indication of a society's values is the number of people prepared to give up time to help others for no financial reward. A quarter of women and a fifth of men take part in voluntary work. The most startling rise is in the number volunteering for those most perilous of activities: sea, mountain and cave rescue. What better measure could there be of individual altruism towards the community than that people should be ready to risk their lives for the sake of complete strangers?

Why Algeria is

wary of the West From Mr Charles Foster

Sir, The French have kept surpris-ingly quiet about the recent events in Algeria. And they are quite wise to do so. Any comments from Paris would be met by embarrassing and offensive rejoinders from Algiers.

French treatment of the huge expatriate Algerian population in France has contributed significantly to the feeling of many Algerians that alliance with and integration into the West is impossible.

It is not long since France was proclaiming that its territory extended from Dunkirk to Tamanrasset. Algerian workers came to France with high aspirations and all their money, hoping that the things which France had said about itself during the long occupation would prove true. They hoped for tolerance. opportunity and judgment on their ments. They found instead occasional washing up jobs in Marseilles restaurants and a frightening tide of racism which kept them pinned in their ghettos.

The word got back to Algeria that this was the best they could expect from the liberal, democratic West, and reactionary Islam smiled at the discontent.

The West is worried by the success of Islam. The most practical way of nipping in the bud all the little Irans which are springing up in the soil left fallow by retreating Western empires is to show that democracy can do what its rhetoric says it should for the racial minorities in the West.

France has signally failed to set an example. The blame for the Algerian fracas can be laid, in part, at France's door. And the lesson for Britain is obvious.

Yours faithfully,-CHARLES FÓSTER 11 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4. January 20.

From Mr S. Shahid Salam

Sir, The multi-party elections in Algeria have drawn a spate of articles and editorials in the Western press (including *The Times*, January 13), condemning the Islamic Salvation Front. While the West clamours for multi-party democracy in Kenya, it is not too pleased with the results of similar polls in Algeria, making it quite obvious that it is not the system

under attack but the outcome.
Following the demise of communism in the ersiwhile Soviet bloc, the West's hate compass is now pointing squarely at the Muslim world. Why? Because they refuse to espouse Western values: Night clubs and brothels, alcoholism, countless millions of children horn out of wedlock and broken homes, pornography and permissiveness (and now Aids) are all part of the Western

is it essential for the West to impose all of its values on the Muslims, who are branded as fundamentalists for their refusal to convert to a godless society?

Yours faithfully, S. SHAHID SALAM, Stackvägen 45. Solientuna, Sweden. Jenuary 17.

NHS funding

From Professor Neil Kessel Sir, Your report (January 6) that a

regional health authority is considering reducing funding to areas where many people have private health insurance, on the basis that demand for NHS services would be lower, indicates the topsy-turvy thinking of managers.

The main reason for subscribing to private health-care schemes is the poor quality of NHS provision. Logic, therefore, would point to the need to provide more facilities, not fewer, where many have been driven to seek private care. It is cynical to reduce health service provision so as to stimulate the growth of private schemes and then proclaim that even less NHS provision is justified. Yours faithfully.

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Patient care? From Mr E. M. Hall

Sir, "Pets including dogs, cats, hamsters and birds are being allowed in wards at the George Eliot Hospital at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, to cheer up their sick owners" (report, January 13).

But what if the animals cause anxiety, or irritation or actual physical harm to other patients? Yours faithfully,

E. M. HALL 6 Fair Mile, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.

Rejected children

From the Director of the National Children's Bureau

Sir, As Kenneth Clarke leads us towards his tortuous wonderland where 90 per cent of children achieve above average results, it is easy to forget about those who do not.

The world of the parent's charter risks proving itself pretty inhospitable for some of our most needy. young people - unmarketable commodities in a school system in which academic success is becoming all.

What is to happen to the child that no school wants to know - the child

Quality of EC officials questioned

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Sir Michael Ogden, QC

Sir. One reason why many people in this country do not want greater power to be invested in the EC is that the Commission is perceived as being arrogant and inept. Certainly, there is an appearance given of instructions (by whatever name) being issued without proper con-sultation or sensible thought, followed in many cases by a climbdown when angry but reasoned clamour arises.

This is a deplorable situation which needs to be remedied. The re-sponsibility lies with the European Commissioners and the Commission's civil servants. The question arises, are we and the other EC countries sending first-rate people to

fill these posts?

As to commissioners, it cannot be disputed that, too often, we have not nominated first-rate people. (Those who would say, and rightly so, that Sir Leon Brittan is of the right calibre should remember that he would not be a commissioner had he not resigned from the government following the Westland dispute).

As to civil servants. I have been told that there are not satisfactory promotional inducements to encourage high-fliers to do a stint in Brussels. There are precedents of long standing whereby people are asked to undertake jobs on the understanding that afterwards they will be offered significant promotion e.g., Queen's Bench and Chancery Treasury counsel, who are appointed

high court judges thereafter. Only such inducements will cause a sur ficient number of our ablest civil

servants to agree to go to Brussels. Of course, this is not a problem for this country alone. Some commis-sioners nominated by other countries are patently not of the required stature. While taking the necessary steps ourselves, we should endeavour to persuade others to do likewise. It is in everyone's interest that the Commission should be and appear to be competent.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL OGDEN, 2 Crown Office Row, Temple, EC4.

From Mr Ben Patterson, MEP for Kent West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Your Diary Item on the power of a House of Commons select committee to summon European Community Commissioners before it (January (4) quoted "a Eurospokeswoman" as saying: "The Commissioner is not responsible to national parlia-ments". That is correct. But he is responsible to the European parliament, which has the power to dismiss him together with his colleagues. This is exactly as it should be.

Yours faithfully, BEN PATTERSON, As from: Elm Hill House, Hawkhurst, Kent. January 14.

Need for action on historic houses

From Mr John Engleheart Sir, Lord Camoys in his letter (January 11) makes valuable points in support of Lord Shelburne, to whose lucid and impassioned argument we members of the Historic Houses Association listen with admiration. Unfortunately neither the government nor, in particular, the Chancellor seems to have ears or conscience.

A historic house is the titular property of its owner, but the law as it stands treats him as a mere incurabent on sufferance. Arguable though this may be in terms of eternity it will not in practice put one slate on a roof or sustain a crumbling cornice.

"Part of our national heritage" may sound fine, but where is the equity when the nation says, "Owner you may technically be, but if you fail in its upkeep the state can dap an order on you, with dire consequences should you be imable to comply. But we will contribute nothing to that maintenance either positively or by relief of tax."?

.Even as to structural repairs the owner must queue up for the rare grants which, even when conferred, cover only a portion of the cost.
As Lord Camoys points out, time

was when private revenue accruing to historic mansions from the lands around them could in some instances be siphoned off towards the upkeep of the architectural fabric at the centre. This is no longer possible. However, the nation still expects our part of its heritage to be maintained

free and granis. The situation, as Lord Shelburne has made dramati-cally clear by statistics, is that unless immediate action is taken (niggardly concessions will not suffice) even more of the country's stock of noble, lovingly preserved and lived-in homes will be dissipated.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ENGLEHEART, Kinlet Hall, Bewdley,

From Mr Anthony Jaggard

Sir. Lord Camoys writes pertinently about the problems facing important historic houses open to the public. There are, however, a great many more historic houses and other buildings which are uneconomic or impractical to open to the public whose owners are actively discouraged from repair and maintenance by the present application of 17 to per cent VAT on such works.

If this is contrary to what I believe historic buildings should be pro-tected — and if it is impossible to introduce new zero rates under EC rules, is it also impossible, particularly at this time when such encouragement would be useful to the building industry and the economy. in general, for repairs and mainte-nance to listed buildings to be rerated at a nominal 212 per cent VAT?
It would be good for the economy and for the environment.

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY JAGGARD. Winfrith Court, Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset.

not responded positively to the Lord Mayor. Labour's aim to recreate the

Greater London Council and abolish

the Lord Mayor and City Corpora-

tion (in spite of its valuable contribu-

tion, not just in the square mile but

over London as a whole) takes prece-

The public should remember this

when Labour claims to be fit to

govern London; and they may also

reflect on the validity or otherwise of

Labour's claim that a new GLC

would be "lean and hungry," bear-

ing in mind that the cost to

chargepayers in London whose

authorities are in membership of the

all-party LBA is £28,200 p.a., com-

pared with some £86,000 a year for

the all-Labour ALA.

January 14.

Yours faithfully, P. BOWNESS, Chairman,

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dence over the interests of London.

Running London

From the Chairman of the London Boroughs Association

Sir, The Lord Mayor of London's call (report, later editions, January 10) for co-operation and partnership for the benefit of London by and with the existing agencies and structures, rather than embarking upon an unnecessary local government reorganisation, is to be warmly welcomed. So is his call for the local authority associations representing the 32 boroughs and the City to join forces.

This association has always regretted the decision of most of the Labour-controlled authorities in 1985 to break away from the LBA and form their own association (the Association of London Authorities). Our invitation to them to return has always been, and remains, on the

It is unfortunate that the ALA has

Sound of silence From Mr I. W. Bell

Sir, Philip Howard's article, "Winter's slippery slope" (January 17), has reminded me of an occasion more than 60 years ago when I was skiing with my father at Alpe d'Huez. In the winter of 1930-1 it consisted of nothing but a Club Alpin hut, which was firmly closed, and the only accommodation available was at Huez. To get to the alp, we had to trudge

carrying our skis up to this hut, at the bottom end of a broad slope of virgin snow. We herring-boned our way up through almost thigh-deep snow to the top of the alp, where we stood unerly alone and for about five minutes speechless gazing at the

exposed to scandalised society as victim of "pindown" in Staffordshire children's homes and a reject from the school system? The independence that goes with locally managed or grant-maintained schools gives them even less reason to admit and retain these children.

The new Children Act places an enhanced duty on education authorities to provide for children in need; simultaneously the Education Reform Act strips the LEA of much of its authority over schools. The Education (Schools) Bill will remove advisory and inspectorial staff critical to the exercise of those limited powers that remain.

prospect of the Meije dominating the whole landscape across the valley below. Then my father said some-thing, and I realised that for the first time in my life I had experienced complete silence.

I did, many years later, have a similar experience in the South Australian outback. Having read Mr Howard's article (and also an earlier one about the situation at Söll in Tirol) I cannot but wonder where in this world, apart perhaps from the Poles and some areas of Siberia, it will ever be possible to "hear" absolute silence again. Yours truly,

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de grace. Elite schools, defined by their exam results and their truancy rates, will be resourced to undertake teacher training. Our inner-city schools, battling to rise above the surrounding social and environmental squalor, will have little chance. They will once again become the sink schools, rejected by society. like the children who attend them.

Mr Clarke now provides the coup

Yours faithfully, JOHN REA PRICE, Director. National Children's Bureau. 8 Wakley Street, EC1. January 20.

Survey of views about trials

From Mrs Sarah McCabe

Sir, Your legal correspondent reports (January 13) that the Royal Com-mission on Criminal Justice has instituted a survey, to be carried out in all crown court areas, of the views of jurors, judges, defendants and their lawyers about the trials in

which they have just taken part. This startling but welcome piece of consumer research deserves the fullest support. Professor Zander, a member of the commission, is an old hand at jury research but only the existence of the royal commission has made possible so wide a survey of jury functioning and jury opinion.

Even more important, however, is the attempt to find the views of defendants about the working of the system in which they have become enmeshed. Earlier studies of crown, court trials have suggested that a plea of not guilty does not always involve denial of involvement in the criminal act which is at issue in the

Indeed, the majority of defendants admit that they have played some part in it but claim that their intention was not negligent or malicious: in a word, it was not criminal. We do not know for sure how frequently, over the whole country, defendants admit the act but deny the intention. If we did, we might reconsider the kind of evidence which would guide the jury to a fair

decision. The questions which they must consider in these cases are not about fingerprints (DNA or other), alibis, identification and all the stuff of popular crime stories. They must make an assessment of the general character and habits of the man or woman who stands before them and upon this assessment decide whether the charges on the indictment are criminal or not. Let us hope that Professor Zander's survey will include a question about the nature of

the defendant's plea. Yours faithfully, SARAH McCABE, 1 Stoke Place, Old Headington, Oxford.

Luxor landscape

From Mr and Mrs Stuart Carter

Sir, Sadly, we can but endorse the views of Messrs Lee-Faulkner and Peake (letter, January 22) about the desecration of the west bank of the Nile at Luxor by new roads. On our own recent visit, we were appalled to see the changes wrought in the months since our 1990 stay in the same area.

In conversation with local residents, it is obvious they also fear the likely repercussions. Given the current construction of a bridge over the Nile south of Luxor, which will soon give immediate road access to the west bank - rather than having the pleasure of a leisurely crossing of the river by boat — they worry about the lives of their children and livestock.

The villagers are used to singletrack roads with relatively slowmoving traffic, not the fast passage of large tour buses which will seek to move as many rourists as possible, as quickly as possible, from one site to

We fear that the new roads will also increase the pace of the deterioration of the very monuments they bring people to see. The vibration of the heavier, faster traffic these roads allow could cause many tombs and temples to subside and disappear.

Yours faithfully, STUART CARTER GLENYS CARTER, 50 Cherry Hill, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Sullivan and Gilbert From Mr Stephen Turnbull

Sir, Mr Crowther (letter, January 13) is ill-informed regarding Gilbert's, anniversary in 1986. It was marked by an exhibition at the British Museum, a gala concert in London. a new production of Iolanthe by

Scottish Opera and a two-day

symposium in Massachusetts, and the Sir Arthur Sullivan Society

devoted a full issue of its journal that

year to studies of Gilbert. Yours faithfully, STEPHEN TURNBULL Cockfield House, 48 Front Street, Cockfield, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham.

All is revealed

From Mr J. D. Richard Sir, With reference to Philip Howard on compound subjects (... and moreover, January 18), there was, in the 1960s, in the gentlemen's lava-tory in the Old Bodleian Library. Oxford, a printed notice which stated, in large letters, "Smoking", then, in much smaller letters, "and the striking of matches" and continued "is prohibited in all parts of the

library buildings". Somebody had scored out "is" and written "are". Somebody else had scored out "are" and added "Parenthetic subject — verb in the singular".

Yours faithfully, JAMES RICHARD, 24 Cavendish Road, Henleaze, Bristol, Avon.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 22: The Prince Edward. Chairman, this evening held a meeting of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal Patron. National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon visited the London Money Advice Support Unit at their London Division, City Road, London

Her Royal Highness, Com-mandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, later held a Reception for Grand

The Princess Royal, President, the British Knining and Clothing Export Council, this evening attended the British Apparel Export Awards' Dinner at the Royal ancaster Hotel, London W2. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in

KENSINGTON PALACE January 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Private View of the Mantegna Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts and a Concert at St

in aid of the Royal Academy Schools Scholarships.

Mrs Robin Benson was in

KENSINGTON PALACE January 22: Princess Alice. Duchess of Gloucester, Patron-in-Chief, the Scottish Veterans' Residences, this morning received Lieutenant General Sir Derek Lang on relinquishing the appointment of Chairman and Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Boswell on assuming the

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary Freeman, this afternoon was present at a Vintners' Company Court Luncheon, Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames Street, London EC4. Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 22: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended in the Britten Theatre a "Soirée d'Or" Concert in aid of the Development Fund of the Royal College of Music, at Prince Consort Road, London SW7. Mrs Peter Afia was in

Birthdays today

Miss Mary Arden, QC, 45: Mr A.M. Davis, rugby player, 50; Lord Denning, 93: Mr Ian Dud-geon, racehorse trainer, 47; Alr Marshai Sir John Dusbury, 58; Sir John Grenside, chartend Sir John Grenside, chartered accountant, 71: Brigadier D.D.G. Hardle, Lord Lieutenant of Strathchyde Region, 56; Sir James Lighthill, former provost, University College London, 68; Miss Jeanne Moreau, actress, 64: Brigadier Kenneth Page, 94; Mr Bob Paisley, former football manager, 73; Mr A.M. Rankin, chairman of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, 57; Sir Kenneth Scott, Deputy Private Secretary to The Queen, 61; Lord land, 60; Miss Joan Walley, MP, 43; Mr Brian Weight, chief

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend the Hong Kong gala evening at the Barbican Centre at 6.45.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend a conference on the role of occupational therapists in stroke rehabilitation at the Royal Society of Medicine at 9.55; and, as Upper Warden of attend a court meeting at Vint-ners' Hall at 4.35 and will be Master, she will attend a dinner at

St Mary's School, Ascot

The Ascot Old Girls Sixth Form Scholarship for September 1992 has been awarded to Mary Gormley of Queen Mary's School, Topcliffe, North Yorkshire.

Any Ascot Old Girl who would Any Ascot Old Girl who would like to apply for a Sixth Form Scholarship for her daughter for 1993 is asked to contact the Admissions Secretary, St Mary's School, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 9JF (0344-27788) for further details.

Old Girls are reminded that the annual AOGA reunion lunch will take place at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, on Wednesday, January 29, 1992, at 12.30pm. The lunch will be preceded by Mass at noon at Farm Street.

Lecture

Mrs Shirley Williams delivered the Edward Boyle memorial lec-ture to the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce last night at 8 John Adam Street.

Dinners

Lord Narrie British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, was host last night at a dinner held at the House of Lords for the trust Among those

Mr Brian Oldridge, Pre

the County Surveyors' Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the RAC. Mr Christopher Chope, Minister for Roads and Traffic, and Councillor John Horrell, of Cambridgeshire County Council,

Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor Ian Fells, Professor Anne Jones, Dr Brian Wynne and Dr David Elliott also spoke.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Phillipp Jakob Spener, theologian, founder of Pietism.

Rappolisweiler, Alsace, 1635; Stendhal (pseudonym of Marie Henri Beyle), novelist, Grenoble, 1754; Edouard Manet, painter, physician, the first woman doctor, Bristol 1849; Subhas Chandra Orissa, 1897.

DEATHS: William Baffin, nav gator, Persian Guif, 1622; Wil-ilam Pix the Younger, prime minister 1783-1801, 1804-06, London, 1806; John Field, composer, Moscow, 1837; Sir Francis Burdett, politician, London, 1844; Thomas Love Peacock novelist, Lower Halliford, Middlesex, 1866: Charles Kings-ley, writer, Loudon, 1875; Gus-tave Doré, illustrator, Paris, 1883: Anna Pavlova, prima balle-rina, The Hague, 1931: Edward Munch, painter, Oslo, 1944; Pierre Bonnard, painter, Le Cannet, France, 1947: Sir Alexander Korda, film producer, London, 1956; Paul Robeson, singer and actor, Philadelphia, 1976: Salvador Dali, painter, Figueras, Spain, 1989. Ramsay MacDonald formed the

Reception

HM Government Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty' Government last night in Dover House. Whitehall, for Parliamentary Lobby and Gallery

first Labour government, 1924.

Archaeology

Roman city thrived after the Minotaur

By Norman Hammond ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE ancient city of Knossos in Crete is to be explored by British archaeologists in a project which will continue into the next century. Often identified as the original Labyrinth, legendary lair of the Minotaur and home of King Minos, his artificer Daedalus and the ill-fated Icarus, Knossos has been famous more recently for Sir Arthur Evans's pioneering excavation of the great Minoan

The new project will concentrate on the unknown Knossos, however, the Roman city that flourished around the Minoan centre until the sixth century AD. Occupied for 4,000 years, ancient Knossos was one of the most successful urban settle-

ments in Europe. "Archaeological research has concentrated on the area immediately around the Palace, while the city has never been systematically investi-gated," said Dr Kenneth Wardle, of Birmingham University, who is directing the Knossos 2000 project. Its first stage will be a geophysical survey to locate the streets and major buildings: Roman Knossos is thought to have had both a basilica and a

The quality of Roman life there is shown by finds from the second century tombs, with glass, bronzes and terracottas from all over the Empire." Dr Wardle said. A substantial Hadrianic villa with fine mosaics was found 30 years ago, and the remains of a sumptuous building with an elaborate Corinthian facade were

found built into a later tomb. Knossos thrived until an earthquake in AD365, and was eventually replaced by Heraklion as the principal city of medieval Crete. Over the next decade some of its splendours should re-emerge to complement the spectacular remains of King Minos's palace, themselves long forgotten by Roman times.

OBITUARIES

Sir Charles Villiers, MC, chairman of the British Steel Corporation from 1976 to 1980, died on January 22 aged 79. He was born on August 14, 1912.

AN ARCHETYPAL City figure. Charles Villiers had spent most of his business career in the higher echelons of the City establishment before he accepted the chairmanship of one of the most difficult state industries; and that was at a time of life when most of his contemporaries would have contemplated a quiet and comfortable retirement. It was characteristic of a man whose strong sense of duty, patriotism and willingness to accept a challenge impelled him to embark on perhaps the toughest assignment in a long and distinguished military and professional career.

For him it was to be the crowning achievement of a colourful life. But the transition from the tightly-knit world of the City and its banking parlours to the high profile exposure of a problemladen nationalised industry destined to be at the centre of political and economic debate was one which even Villiers, blessed as he was with charm, confidence and urbanity, found difficult to nchieve.

His tenure at BSC proved to be as controversial as that of his immediate predecessor, Sir Montague Finniston albeit in a rather different way — and culminated in 1980 in the first national strike in the steel industry and culminated in since 1926. But Villiers's spirit remained undiminished al-

had been bruised.

Although the achievement of the objectives he had set were not to be realised in his time at British Steel (the principal cutbacks were to be implemented by his successor) Villiers laid down the strategy for the corporation's survival. It involved painful works dosures and thousands of job losses and a complete abandonment of the expansionist policies which had been promoted in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The son of Algernon Hyde Villiers, who was killed in action during the first world war, and the late Lady Aldenham, Charles Hyde Villiers was the offspring of a very old family which had enjoyed strong ties with both People which Yugoslavia contions which led to the acquisityoung Turks (several of whom tembarrassing.

the monarchy and political life for generations. After Eton and New College, Oxford, he spent the first few

months after coming down working as assistant to the Rev P. B. "Tubby" Clayton of though his amour-propre Toc H before taking a post with the merchant bank Glyn Mills in 1932.

He joined the Grenadier Guards in 1936 where his qualities of leadership, courage and organisational skills were quickly recognised. He served at Dunkirk, received a wound to his neck (about which he remained self-conscious) and was then drafted to the Special Operations Execative. He spent the rest of the war with the SOE and parachuted into Austria and Yugoslavia where he helped to organise partisan resistance fighters. His contribution to the efforts of the Yugoslav resistance move-

ment was to be later recog-

nised in the Award of the

ferred upon him in 1970. Villiers emerged from the war with the rank of lieutenantcolonel and a Military Cross.

Soon after his second marriage to the daughter of the Belgian Count Henri de la Barre d'Erquelinnes, he picked up the threads of the merchant banking career be had left, initially with Herbert Wagg, and subsequently with the merged company of J. Henry Schroder Wagg. Throughout the 1950s and

1960s Charles Villiers deployed his considerable banking expertise and charm and was closely involved in some of the more significant transactions of those years. He played a key role in the negotiations which led to the creation of the vast brewing combine of Bass. Charrington, to whose board he was subsequently appointed. A personal friend of the Kemsiey family, he acted as

tion of The Sunday Times and other titles by Lord Thomson of Fleet.

He liked to describe himself as a Tory radical and it was that streak of radiculism combined with his knowledge ofcorporate finance which was brought to the attention of. Peter Shore, in 1968 minister at the Department of Economic Affairs. Villiers was plucked from the cosy and relative obscurity of the Cityto take over as managing director of the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation. The IRC was conceived by the Labour government to be a force for long overdue change in the structure of British industry by encouraging and assisting mergers in key sectors of manufacturing deemed to require the IRC treatment in the national

strategic-interest. It was a hectic three years. The IRC under Villiers atsubsequently emerged as the heads of major public companies to expedite the IRC's

Apart from a short spell between 1972 and 1973 with the Northern Ireland Finance Corporation, where he was known to his colleagues as Le Grand Charles, Villiers returned to merchant-banking and remained as vigorous as ever. The patrician selfconfidence he exuded went virtually unnoticed in the banking parlours. At Guinness Mahon and subsequently Guinness Peat, he was respectively chairman and executive deputy chairman. He was knighted in 1975

for services to industry. But a year later when another Lahour government recruited him to take over the reins at the BSC many of his new colleagues found his style irksome discombining and, at

He was cast in the mould of the late Lord Melchett, the first BSC chairman, and proved a sharp contrast to his immediate predecessor, Finniston whose public squabbles with the BSC's political masters appeared und seemly to a man of Villiers's background.

With characteristic reforming zeal. Villiers sought to restore morale, customer confidence and pride in the corporation, to reverse the growing financial haemorrhage and to chart a course to survival amid a deepening recession. He persuaded his political masters that only severe surgery could provide any realistic prospect of returning the effectively bank-

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rupt organisation to viability. Capacity had to be brought into line with the best estimates of future demand. It would mean works closures, shedding of thousands of jobs and the ditching of ambinous expansion plans. The comtraction began — and contin-ued long after he left the BSC.

Not everyone was impressed. In 1978 he fell foul of the Select Committee of Nationalised Industries which accused him of failing to inform ministers of the increasingly parlous financial state of BSC.

The steel industry unions found in his style of manage ment too many echoes of the squirearchy into which Villiers had been born. His background and manner engendered suspicion, mistrust and, worst of all cynicism

among the workforce. Yet ironically, Villiers held firm and progressive ideas on industrial democracy and worked energetically as chairman of the corporation's job creation subsidiary to encourage new industries to move into those areas blighted by the closure of iron and steel works which he had deemed

On his retirement from the BSC, he continued with that work and sought tirelessly to use his banking skills and contacts to stimulate the growth of small new DUSTDESSES.

Outside his extensive and busy professional life he maintained a keen interest in the arts and was a trustee of the Royal Opera House and chairman of the Theatre Roy al. Windsor.

ow, a son and two daughters.

ABDEL-KHALEK HASSOUNA

SIR CHARLES VILLIERS

Abdel-Khalek Hassouna, secretarygeneral of the Arab League, 1952-72, died on January 21 aged 93. He was born in Cairo in 1898.

El-SAYED Mohammed Abdel Khalek Hassouna was one of the outstanding personalities in postwar Arab affairs. He was appointed to the sensitive post of secretarygeneral of the Cairo-based League of Arab States shortly after the coup in Egypt in which Gamal Abdel Nasser and his fellow conspirators overthrew King Farouk.

He remained at the heart of Middle Eastern affairs throughout the turbulent years of Nasser's ascendancy: the crisis which led to American intervention in Lebanon in 1958; the drama over Kuwait's independence in 1961; and the increasing strains over the Palestine question. During four successive terms as secretary-general he grap-pled with the difficulties of attaining a united approach to the issues facing the Arab world from the traditionally fractious governments of the region. He saw the League's original membership of eight states more than double and played an active role in handling the longrunning feuds between member states which culminated at times in

boycotts by Iraq, Egypt and Tunisia. He was the League's second chief executive after Abdel-Rahman Azzam, also an Egyptian.

Abdel-Khalek Hassouna, whose father held the highest religious position in Egypt, was sent to study law at the University of Cairo. After graduating in 1921 and a spell as a lawyer, he joined the Egyptian ministry of foreign affairs which sent him to Cambridge where he took a further degree in economics and political science in 1925. He served in Berlin. Prague, Brussels and Rome before returning in 1932 to the foreign ministry in Cairo. In 1939 he was promoted to the post of under-secretary of state for social affairs. He was governor of Alexandria in 1942 when Rommel's Afrika Corps pushed eastwards along the Mediterranean coast. The authorities in Cairo, fearing the worst, proposed that he should endeavour to contact Rommel and discuss making Alexandria an open city but Hassouna dismissed the idea as impractical. With many Egyptians fleeing the city his broadcasts stabilised a situation of panic. In 1948 he became under-secretary of the foreign ministry. He joined the cabinet as minister of social affairs in 1949 and after that was succes-



sively minister of education and

foreign minister. On becoming secretary-general of the Arab League he had, inevitably, to counter criticism which suggested that his Egyptian nationality meant the League was under the thumb of the Cairo. He achieved some success in this respect, particularly in 1962 when he was reappointed for his third five year term; this was in spite of Egypt boycotting the League and initial opposition to his reappointment from Syria, Jordan and Saudi

cessor, Azzam, made the role of secretary general that of a mediator. most often between member states. Questions arose over the Yemen, the Sudan, the North African states and Jordan, often in reaction to Egyptian policies. He travelled constantly, and showed himself a skilled negotiator. He had a suave charm. and became known for his ability to take swift action to neutralise disputes - finding points on which the parties could agree and being aware of the value of the quiet approach.

It was in 1958, when events in Lebanon brought the world to the brink of war, that his diplomatic role was perhaps most crucial. The Lebanese government, alarmed by growing pressure from revolutionary pan-Arab Nasserists supported by Egypt and Syria, requested US sup-port. American marines landed in Beirut, followed by British para-troops in Amman. The Soviet Union moved to support Syria. The dispute was transferred to the United Nations. Hassouna went to New York and, without official status there, painstakingly bridged the gulf of bitter division between Arab opinion behind which the Great Powers had ranged themselves in hostile.

confrontation. To everyone's sur-

Hassouna, more than his prede- prise a united Arab resolution eventually emerged and the General Assembly passed it unanimously: 83 to nil, including the vote of Israel.

The Washington Post called the resolution "courteously phrased. with no hint of condemnation" a triumph for Hassouna. He himself modestly attributed the result to his personal faith, which he linked with his long association with Moral Re-Armament and which sustained him, he said, in the most difficult affairs of modern life.

When in 1961 Kuwalt became independent, a further crisis arose. Iraq immediately claimed sovereignty over the sheikhdorn. But its admission to the Arab League, and the proposal of an Arab force to replace British troops, paved the way for Iraq's grudging recognition of its neighbour and the postponement for 30 years of its attempt to swallow-up the emirate.

Hassouna's work won respect far beyond the Arab world. He was given the Legion of Honour, and also Belgian, Greek, German, Italian, Iranian, Chinese and Ethiopian decorations. The care of his family sustained

him through years of retirement — and blindness. His wife, three sons and two daughters survive him.

Appointments

Ms Janet Lewis-Jones to be a member of Sianel Pedwar Cymru (S4C) for five years from January

Mr Derek Evans, director of conciliation and arbitration at the Advisory. Conciliation and Arbitration Service, to be Chief Conciliation Officer of Acas, in succession to Mr Dennis Boyd, who retires on January 31.

Ms Jeuny Bacon, director of resources and strategy, Department of Employment, to be Deputy Director General of the Health and Safety Executive. Mr Michael Welbank, director. Shankland Cox, to be President of the Royal Town Planning

Legal Mr John Alastair Cameron. QC. to be a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, from January 22, taking the judicial title of the

Judges' Dinner

A dinner was given on January 21, 1992, at the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn. by the Chambers of Timothy Lloyd, QC, of 11 Old Square. Lincoln's Inn. to celebrate the promotions of former members of Chambers. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Justice Scott and Mr Justice Jonathan

Mr I.R. Dorricott and Miss C.J. Boag

Dr A. Borer and Dr LJ. Bloor The engagement is announced between Aidan, son of Dr and Mrs Keith Borer, of Whitton Cieveland, and Jame, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Bloor, of Crakemarsh, Staffordshire. Mr J.J.N. Henry

Mr P.E. Bretherton and Miss A-J. Buckley

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bretherton, of Holland Park, London, and Amanda-Jane, daughter of Mrs Lindsey Buckley and the late Mr Neil Buckley, of Marylebone,

Mr D.A.L. Clases and Ms C.S. Pop

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Clasen, of Pershore, Worcestershire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gaston ignand, of Finchley, London.

Mr D.P. Croom-Johason and Miss S.J. Pritchard

The engagement is announced between David Patrick younger son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Croom-Johnson, of Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, and Sarah-Jane, only daughter of the late Mr W.G. Pritchard and of Mrs K.H.J. Pritchard. of Hampton.

Forthcoming marriages and Miss P.A. Hossick The engagement is announced between Jan. son of Mr and Mrs The engagement is announced between David Charles, son of the late Dr and Mrs Michael Kremer,

J. Dorricott. of Basing. and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sydney Bong, of Oxford.

Villenfagne de Vogelsanck The engagement is announced between Julian John Needham. son of the late Mr Adrian Henry. FRCS, and of Mrs Ros Henry, of Brasted, Kent, and Sybille,

daughter of Baron and Baronne

Brecon, Powys. Guy de Villenfagne de Vogelsanck, of Duisburg. MrTJ. Penn and Miles S.J. Scores

The engagement is announced between Timothy John, son of Raymond and Winifred Penn, Mr J.R. Jamieson and Miss I.C.S. Reid-Smith The engagement is announced between James, younger son of of Aberthin, Cowbridge, Glamorgan, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Philip and Monics Mr R. Jamieson, of St John's Wood, and Mrs J.E. Jamieson, of Heniey-on-Thames, and Imogen

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Read-Smith, of Nailsea, Bristol. Mr A.M. Symmeton and Miss N.S.F. Atkinson

and Pamela Ann. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Hossick.

The engagement is announced between Kevin, second son of Mr

and Mrs Ronald Merrett, of Melbourne, Australia, and

Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Austin Wahers, of The Wern,

Dr K.L. Merrett

and Miss J.L. Walters

and Miss N.S.F. Afkinson
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, youngest son of
Mr Robert Symington and the
late Mrs Robert Symington, of
Sintra. Portugal, and Nicola,
younger daughter of the late Mr
Christopher Adkinson and of Mrs
Christopher Advincen of Bardon. Mr M.E. Kelly and Miss K.M.A. Weir The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr Edward Kelly and Mrs Margaret Ann Fagan, and Kirsty, daughter of Mr Arthur Weir and the late Mrs Andrina Weir. Christopher Atkinson, of Barton-

and Miss F.C. Beckett

The engagement is announced between Philip Manthew, only son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Shires, of Thongsbridge, West Yorkshire, and Fions Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D.H. Beckett, of Littlewick Green, Berkshire.

Mr S.G. Sjödin
and Miss A.J. Granders Him
The engagement is announced
between Sven, younger son of the
late Mr Sten Sjödin and of Mrs
Kerstin Sjödin, of Göneborg,
Sweden, and Amanda, second
daughter of Mr and Mrs Pootner daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Grantham-Hill, of Milford-on-

Sea, Hampshire. Mr LJ. Sugarman and Miss LR. Sharpe

The engagement is announced between Lawrence Joel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Sugarman, and Livia Ruth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald P. Shunge.

Mr M.L. Waddy and Miss S.C. Beerbohm The engagement is announced between Michael younger son of Mr and Mrs I.D. Waddy, of Christchurch, New Zeeland, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr John Beerbohm, and of Mrs Mary Beerbohm, of St Albans,

Church news

The Rev Christopher Thorpe, Assistant Carasa, Norton, Letchworth St Albands to be Tenny Vicar, Blackman Heart Team Malstoy (Hehlfeld).
The Rev John R Westwood, Vicar, St Andrew, Wellingborough: to be also faired them of wellingborough, (February). borough;
The Rev Susan C Whitehouse, Curate Familey, to be also Diocesan Devicionant Representative (Ripon).
The Rev Kur I Witwer, Tean Vicari Whiteholds Feath Ministry (Carperbury) to be Vicar, Constey St Chad (Lichfield).

Resignations and retirements The less Cunon Peter Cole, Vicar, fiest Worldham and West Worldham with Hardey Mondon and Kingsley worldhamagur, and Bural Dean of Anon (Winchester); to retire as from 34 anoner. (Winchester): to retire 22 from 34 Angust.
The Rev Clive Minut, Rector, Broughton w Loadington and Cransley and Thorpe Malsor Percebangsh; resigned 25 from 31 December.
The Rev W Eny Jessup, Rectod.
Tuppesfield w Stambourne, Rhelmer forth: 10 ratire 25 from 30 April.

The Nineteen Nineties Group

The Adriual Conference of Catholic Independent School Heads takes place today at St. John's Beaumont. Old Windson The Headmaster. Mr Dermot Gogarty will open the proceedings. Father Dominic Milroy. OSB. and Sister M. Mark Orchard. IBVM. will chair the Orchard, IBVM, will chair the Orchard, IBVM, will chair the morning and afternion sessions Mr. Howard Harding and Brother Damian Lundy, FSC, will be the principal speakers. The Homily at Mass will be delivered by Father James Hanvey, \$3.

WINTER SPORTS

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daughter, Sharon Olivia;
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December 18th 1991, to
Cally (née Deacon) and Alam,
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brother to Karle,
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On January 19th at the
Humana Hospital
Wellington, to Raiph and
Charlotte, a son, Anders, a
brother for Sebastian.
FHOM - On January 17th, at
University College Hospital,
to Theresa (née Hawkins)
and James, a daughter,
Catherine Mary, a sister for
James and David.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On Jamusry
21st 1992. suddenly in his
pleep. Major William Edward
Burbury Aldinson. aged 72.
Jears. Loved husband of
Priscilla and deer father of
Jane. William and Penrick.
Service in St. Andrew's
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followed by family burief at
Christ Church, Dune, Family
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ENWETT - On Sunday
January 19th 1992, at The
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Sussex, Beloved Instead of
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In-law of Paul Curr,
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Alexander Funeral private. CRAWFORD - On January CHAMPORD - On January 21st, peacefully at borne,
Mary, loving and despirloved wife of Stewart, loving
and beloved mother of Mark,
Jans Josephan, Petrick and
Michael, and devoted
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DEATHS EDMONDS - On January
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Dearly loved wife of Dr. Eliott Faher, loving mother of James and Anne and a dear grandma. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Ruthden, on Tuesder

letters please.

O'ERREN - On January 20th, suddenly at the John Radrittle Hospital, Oxford, Cherry tofe Seety) of Northmor. ar. Standiake, Oxon. Much loved mather of Karen and Sarah Jane and a loved grandmother. Funeral Service to take place at Bampion Parish Church on Saturday January 25th at 11am. Flowers and all enquiries to E. Taylor & Son. be: 10953) 342421.

OWEN - On January 19th 1992, Joslyn Gray, beloved husband of Mary and lather of Mark, Stephen and Matthew, Funeral private, no flowers, Any donations to Christian Ald.

RICHMOND-WATSON - On

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The novel experience of travelling on the railway and subsequently on the road in the same vehicle was enjoyed today by a party of railway officials, Press representatives, and others who, at the invitation of the chairman and directors of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company, witnessed trials of the "ro-railer", a vehicle which, by the operation of wheel changes can be driven either on the railway or on the road.

The new vehicle, to the cascal observer, seems but an ordinary road motor-coach of the one-decktype. Closer inspection reveals that. in addition to the outside pneumatic-tired road wheels, the coach is fitted with flanged rail wheels. The pneumatic-tired wheels are mounted on eccentrics fitted to an extension of the axles through the rail wheels. When on the road, the road wheels are locked concentrically to the rail wheels, which are of smaller diameter, and are clear of

the road The trials took place on the Midland Railway branch line between Redbourn and Hemel Hempstead. At present, there are only two "ro-railer" vehicles in existence one designed for passenger traffic and the other for the transport of goods. The latter, which resembles the ordinary commercial road motor-wagon, was on view while the passenger vehicle was being tested.

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-6pm, until January 26. WATERCOLOURS FROM THE BIRMINGHAM CITY ART GALLERY: Though Birmingham is lamous to its holdings of pre-Raphaefites and other Victorian artists, it is not widely rused that its waterco

collection has low rivals in the country and is nich in works of the 18th and 20th and is nich in works of the Tasth and Juni centures. Lagan has recently been enjoying an extended four of 150 of Birmingham's finest examples and the adhibition has now stopped off at the Bankside Gallery on the way home. The general quality is superb, and along with some very familiar pieces, there are some which will come fresh to almost everybody.

Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street,

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D BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay an Anouith's play on the relationship between Thomas à Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mets Wed, Sal, 3pm, 165mms.

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THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry Forter is obsessed with malong an inah millionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gligh in Torn Murphy's powerful fable. Almelde, Almelde Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

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COUP DE VILLE (12): Three warring brothers tread cross-country in a 1954 Ceatrac. Brossy blend of read move, male-bonding comedy, and 1960e nostagia. With Patrick Dempsey, Arys Gross, Daniel Stern; charter, be Dark Cannored Fulliam Road (071-370

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• FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15):
Short-order cook (Al Pacino) courts a wary waitress (Mchelle Pferfier).
Synthetic adaptation of Terrence Mchelly's play, Director, Gerry Marshall.
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♦ FREDDY'S DEAD: THE FINAL NIGHTMARE (18): Chuid-Litter Freddy Krueger's last, but not finest, hour. Some patry 3D effects, a few lively

moments elsewhere With Robert Englund, director, Rachel Takalay, Cannon Oxford Street (071-836 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marbis Arch (0426 914501) West End (0426 915674) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Hann Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodle Foster) easily offset the facile

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comes between Mozart's Symphony No 34 in C, K338, and Brahms's

Symphony No 4. Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street, Cambridge (0223 357851), 7.30pm.

PHILHARMONIA: Kuri Sanderlini

performs the same momentous role for the Philhammonia orchestra which Klaus Tennsted regularly undertakes for the LPO, that of conducting Mahler This time the work concerned is the all-

embracing Ninth Symphony, composed in 1908-9 Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8900), 7.30pm.

ANGELS IN AMERICA: Tony Kushner's play, aubtried "A Gey Fentary on National Themes", focuset on two couples in crisis, one gay, one Morman. Acclaimed in San Francisco last year, the play now receives its British premiere at the National under the direction of Decian Connellar Common priorit.

Opening right. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7pm.

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ANGELS IN AMERICA: Tony

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THE SHADOW OF A GUNMAN: Paul Kerryson directs the middle play of Sean O'Cassy's trilogy on the birth pange of the Irish Republic. Opening night. Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gale, Leicester (0533 539797), 7.30pm.

ROY AYERS: The Los Angeles vibraphonist and singer plays a three-week residency at Romies with his Afro-American fusion band, Providing support the week is the acoustic Marin Speake quartet. Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 8,30pm

DIE FLEDERMAUS: Richard Jones's inockabout version of the Johann Strauss operetts for English National Opera haz all the paraphemalia but the peride fades rapidly effer the first 20 sperice saces rapidly site in the back of minutes. However, good performance from a strong cast: Vivian Tierney (Roselande) and Melcolm Donnelly (Engenstein), with Rosemary Joshua laling over from Lekley Garrett to play the Madonna-like rule of Adele, James Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3181), 7.30pm.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of

films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

Sterring Serits Choudhury, Denzel Washington, Director, Mire Nair. Curzon West End (071-438 4605).

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Testy feast of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Adderns's rescabre cartoons. Staming Raul Julia, America Huston, Christopher Lloyd; director, Barry

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BILLY BATHGATE (15): Hero-vorshipping kid joins Dutch Schuftz's gang in 1930s New York, Muffled, disappointing variation of

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THE BRIDGE (12). Vapid British

costume drama about a Victorian wife summer affair, from Maggie Hamagway's novel With Saskia Reeves, David O'Hara, Director, Syd McCartney.

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adventures of two rempaging gurla (Charlotte Gainsbourg, Arrout Grinberg) Strained variation on Bertrand Biler's first hit, Les Valsauses. Camben Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0591).

PROOF (15): A blind man's photographs bring emobanial complications intriguing intertent anterior new Australian director Jocatyn Moortouse With Hugo Wesving, Cleneview Proof. Renoir (971-837 8402).

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The Gulf Between Us West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

FOR those of us who feel that controversy and the theatre have been too much strangers of late, this promised to be an exciting evening. Here was Trevor Griffiths, the brightest of our far-left dramatists, turning to the Gulf war for his first major play since Comedians in 1975. The Leeds press had damned him in advance for giving comfort to Saddam; local British Legion members had mounted a mini-demo outside the theatre, and he himself had publicly suggested that Desert Storm was a racist outrage: "a crushing, horrific, punitive, exem-plary war", to quote the programme, handed to Arabs by the western alliance for reasons and values that don't stand up to the most cursory scrutiny."
Promises, promises. Anybody who

expects a good, robust debate with Griffiths will find him a curiously elusive combatant. Certainly, he has found no satisfactory way of express-ing his ire, let alone justifying it. There are moments in the second half when a distraught doctor is allowed directly to let rip about her city's bombing. But the first act shuffles pretty indolently along; and the piece as a whole is more weakened than enriched by Griffiths's attempts to push the proceedings in odd, unrealistic directions. He calls it "a kind of dream-play": not the most biting of theatrical forms, nor the most confident way of describing it.

Hayden Griffin provides a splendid set, part building and part bombsite: rubble, mud, concrete girders giddily



Gulf conflict: Akram Telawe plays a macho but insecure Arab minder. Paul Siack a scheming racist

askew and, looming over the stage, a huge, holed mosque. This is what a pair of Britons are required by their gun-toting hosts to repair, for reasons that gradually become apparent without being altogether clear. It would seem that inside are the bodies of children killed while hiding in what everybody, Iraqis and pilots, knew was both a military installation and a shelter. Quite why Saddam's lackeys should cover up this calamity rather than exploiting it, as they did after Amiriya, is one of the evening's. mysteries; but here they are actually prepared to shoot anybody who knows anything about it.

One of the builders is Paul Slack's fly Ryder, who stayed in Iraq in the hope there would be no war and he would be rewarded with fat contracts. He wearisomely signals his turpitude with racist bluster and saloon-bar swagger: "you scratch my back and I'll see you right", that sort of stuff. But at least we know where we stand with him, which is more than can be said of Dave Hill's O'Toole. He is a drifter whose motives and intentions remain inscrutable, the more so because an orange light intermittently transforms him into a mysterious sage and story-teller. His tale of Christians invading ancient Araby is presumably meant to add. resonance to a play which Griffiths has described as not only about Iraq. but it is too sketchily done to be

anything but distracting and confusing.

Perhaps Griffiths should not have directed his own work. He handles the bangs, flashes and offstage yells pretty well, and gets a strong performance from Akram Telawe, an Arab minder who combines aggression with boyish insecurity; but he injects little tension or urgency into what is after all, a do-or-die situation. The evening comes forcefully to life only when Salwa Nakkarah, the doctor. rages against the West: "Who do you think you are, who do you think we are? It is a question that merits livelier answers than it gets here.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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All my Sons Young Vic

DAVID THACKER has rendered Arthur Miller good service in recent years, but his latest production does a disservice to a mighty play. The action should advance with the steady, unstoppable movement of an infernal machine that has been built by its eventual victim. Once set going, there is only one way such a machine can stop: by announcing the name of its maker for all to hear, and exploding.

The faltering motion of this production may improve when Ian Bannen, playing Joe Keller, supplier of faulty

cylinder heads to fighter planes, becomes surer of his lines. In two of the crucial scenes with Chris, Joe's younger son - Larry, the elder, crashed in one of the planes .-Bannen's hesitations and repetitions could not be disguised as the confusion of the character. His bull-like head and foxy smile fit the character; he lowers himself solidly on to a chair, and can put on the heavy charm of a rogue politician, but at two key moments of self-defence the machine pauses. Even his cry, "A father is a father!" does not come from the heart. The momentum is lost.

But a more serious fault disqualifies this production. More obviously than any other example I can recall, it is an argument against theatre in the round. Characters sit still for ten

minutes at a time; they have to sit still. because the play is set in the Keller yard where family and neighbourn gather, chat, argue, establishing the uneasy feeling that all is not well. The words they speak indicate this, but the change of expression is vital. Bannen sits with his face invisible to a quarter of the audience. Matthew Marsh claws up Chris's war memories with a moving passion, but his features are invisible to another quarter. Perhaps the characters should all be sunbath-

ing, lying flat on their backs.
The women, more restless, show themselves to us. But, when tragedy strikes them rigid, loss occurs again. As Joe's wife, Kate, Marjorie Yates indicates the anguish taking its toll on a life of pretence. And I daresay that her final quiet despair stirs the hearts

of those in the audience fortunate enough to be sitting that side of the arena stage. Over on our side, we could only take it for granted. In a play so carefully crafted to expose what has been hidden, this frustration is infuriating.

Such faults are made the more upsetting because of the good things the production does contain — signifcantly often when the actors are moving about. Amanda Boxer's dry sarcasm as a neighbouring wife; David Westhead's riveting periormance as the son of Joe's imprisoned partner, shaking with rage and shock. but these are moments only in a production that has spoiled Miller's intricate machine.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Philharmonia/Sanderung Festival Hall

CONCERNATION

WESTERN recognition of the veteran German conductor Kurt Sanderling came late, and then only sporadically. A refugee from Nazi Germany, he fied east when most fied west - not a good career move, but it did allow him to spend two decades sharing the Leningrad Philharmonic podium with the matchless Yevgeny Mravinsky. He then served a further 17 years conducting in east Berlin.

His career seems nearly mirrored by his style of music-making: Prussian discipline is allied to a surprisingly flexible interpretative approach. What Sanderling's performances do not provide is much sense of spontaneity, of players being in-spired, hypnotised or terrified into producing something that surprises even themselves. In short, Sanderling never loses his head to his heart.

Rachmaninov's Third Symphony. however, is a work that benefits from a tautiy controlled approach. For all its crackling energy, its predominant atmosphere is dark and lean, with modal-tinged themes adding a whiff of religious ritual, recast under the blazing sunset of late romanticism.

Sanderling was excellent at conveying how violently the mood shifts, and the Philharmonia rose to the challenge of such famously devilish passages as the spiky scherzo and the finale's invigorating central fugue. Strange that such overtly emotional composers as Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov both felt the need to incorporate fugues - that most cerebral of musical forms - into their symphonies. A pity that Dr Anthony Clare was not around to dig out some dark psychological motive.

in Dvotak's Cello Concerto in B minor the conductor's circumspect approach was well matched by the soloist. Yo-Yo Ma eschews the luscious tone and sentimental nuances customarily gilded onto this work in favour of a tightly focused line and a tremendous vitality, a feeling of this much played concerto being born again in every bar.

That made the polgnant moments the more striking. The dropping chromatic sequences in the adagio acquire great pathos when they are so cleanly articulated. And that wonderful coda — tacked on by Dvořák when a favourite relative died, yet magically summing up the noble elegy that runs through the whole piece - was played with the beautiful simplicity that only true virtuosi discover.

RICHARD MORRISON

CBSO/Rattle -Symphony Hall, Birmingham

CONSERVATIVE tendencies have always been evident in the music of Robin Holloway. One remembers with pleasure such works as Scenes from Schumann in the early 1970s. with its then shockingly unmodern tonal references. Times change, and new music has become less severe about what is admissible as part of its language. But Holloway has changed too, and on the evidence of this world premiere, given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, not for the better. The Spacious Firmament, a large-

scale ode with a setting of Blake's 'Auguries of Innocence" at its centre, was intended to be the first music heard "officially" in Birmingham's new hall. For that reason, Holloway decided to make the sounds as accessible and immediately arresting as possible, and there are many superficially effective things:

Yet his response to the words neither enhances nor clarifies them. Indeed, much of the time his reactions seem automatic rather than thoughtful, the writing too direct, the reflection of Blake's couplet structure all too literal. The accompanying settings of Dryden, more blake and Tennyson are no more enecuve

Nor was the performance as spruce as it might have been. The CBSO Chorus seemed to find some of Holloway's writing tough going. though orchestrally things were secure enough, and Rattle did his best to give the work cogency.

After the interval, much reduced

forces gave a crisp account of Mozart's C Minor Mass, in Richard Maunder's sensitively retouched edition. But one could argue with odd details, like the exaggerated violence of the double-dotting in "Qui tollis". and nor was this Rattle at his most infectiously inspired. Yet the greatness of the music

emerged, helped by the beautifully controlled singing of Arleen Auger and Anne Sofie von Otter and by the alertness of orchestra and chorus. The acoustic doors were left partly open. From the rear of the stalls the result sounded strange. The clarity and fine balance remained, but the extra reverberation seemed two-dimensional; it came only from the stage, whereas in a more natural acoustic the entire hall would reflect sound.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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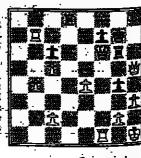
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9.30 Crimewatch UK. Nick Ross and Sue Cook appeal for more news

about the murder of an 18-year-old Lancashire man, the rape of a young woman in Hertfordshire and a gang that fired indiscriminately in the centre of London after robbing a security van (Ceefax) (157255)





Answering back: MPs Virginia Bottomley, John Smith (10.15pm)

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6.00 Film: South of St Louis (1949) starring Joel McCrae and Alexas Smith. Conventional western about pre-American civit war ranchers who are harassed by Union irregulars and join the Confederates. Directed by Ray Enright (48168). Wales: See Hear 8.30 Deutsch Direkt 6.55 Advice Shop Extra

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ipmanship and funny names. (Ceefax) (s) (4762)



A career in film: Billy Wilder with Shirley Maclaine (9.30pm)

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© CHOICE: The film director Billy Wilder is not much given to interviews. Now a sprightly 85-year-old, he breaks his silence in three conversations, being shown on consecutive nights, with the German film-maker Volker Schlöndorff, Wilder, who reached Hollywood by way of Vienna and Barlin, speaks mostly in German. The influence on his American films of Wilder's European Jewish background is a topic much discussed. Schlöndorff cunously ignores it. He is more interested in questioning Wilder on technique, on the construction of a script and the preparation of actors. Responding in an animated gabble, Wilder is happy to oblige while throwing in a few anecdates. Tonight's chall takes the story up to the late 1940s, covering Double Indemnity, The Lost Weekend and a sombre documentary on the Nazi concentration camps which almost emptied a chema on its first showing. (79138)

19.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (973697)
11.15 The Late Show, Includes a review of American playwright Tony
Kushner's latest play Angels in America (s) (745014)
11.55 Wasther (940679)

11.55 Weather (840878)
12.00 Film: Stateg 17 (1953, b/w) starring William Holden (in an Oscar-winning role), Don Taylor and Otto Praminger. Delightfully cynical prison camp comedy, taken from a Broadway play, with Holden as a loner who is suspected by his fellow immates of being an informer. The first in a sessori of films directed by Billy Wilder

(664163) 1.55am Behind the Headlines (r) (8862144); Ends at 2.30

ITV

6.00 TV-am (6305694) 9.25 Keynotes Music quiz game for teams (3547) 9.55 Thames News (6747014)

10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion series (5891878)
10.40 This Morning Family magazine series. Among today's items are tamily health, foretelling the future and knitting ideas (3976033)
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for children (9363830)
12.30 News with John Suchel. (Oracle). Weather (5938946) 1.10 Thames News (4160)

1.20 Home and Away Australian tamily drama serial (Oracle) (61910859) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a small Australian outback town (s) (60970033) 2.20 TV Weekly Anne Dramond takes a look behind the scenes of

popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes (77686025; 2.50 Take the High Road. More Highland dramas (6559679)

3.15 ITN News headlines (4500168) 3.20 Themes News headlines (26547) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama about life in a large

Australian city nospital (6859120)
3.55 Toucan Tecs. Animated adventures (s) (8159830) 4.05 Runaway Bay Adventure series set on the Canbbean island of Martinique (4586255) 4.35 Dangermouse Cartoon adventures of a secret service rodent. With the voices of Terry Scott and David Jason (Oracle) (s) (992:743) 5.00 Cartoon featuring Pepe Le Pew (r)

(1484694)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (6475694)
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (709507)
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with details of the Splash ofganisation — single parents and single holdays (394566)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (149)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (101)
7.60 Emmerdale Drama senal set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)

7.30 Fresh Fields. Cosy comedy staming Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers. This week circumstances force William to take Hester and her mother on a fishing trip (r) (97740)





Confrontation: Carolyn Pickles and Christopher Ellison (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Dinosaur. DI Surnside's unorthodox methods set him on a collision course with DCt Reid during an investigation into an abortive armed robbery at a supermarket. (Oracle) (5762) 8.30 This Week: All the Queen's Men. An investigation into the employment policies of the Royal Household. Of 891 Royal employees only nine are from ethnic minorities and none of these are in senior positions. (Oracle) (4897)

8.00 Taggart. The concluding part of Nest of Vipers and Christine Gray.
Dr Neilson's research assistant, sufferes the same late as her boss when she is bitten by a poisonous snake. Starring Mark McManus as the aponymous Glasgow detective. (Oracle) (7694)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong (Oracle)

Weather (62014) 10.30 Thames News (652255) 10.40 Prisoner. Cell Block H. Australian drama serial set in a women's remand centre (4818)

11.30 01. Includes Trevor McDonald reviewing Oliver Stone's controversial new film JFK; and a feature on Jack Good's new musical Good Rockin' Tonite (31217)

12.00 A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by

12.00 A Problem Alred. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts (14328)
12.30em Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Big Spin. A dishonest cab driver keeps a passengers winning lottery ticket but he eventually wished he hadn't (85328)
1.00 Film: How To Get Married (1968) staming Louis de Funes. Another in the comedy senes about a bumbling St Tropez policemsn. Directed by Jeen Girault (205095)
2.40 The Twillight Zone: Wong's Lost and Found Emporium. A tale of the supernatural (r) (8555415)
3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollard talks to Carol Thatcher, Clare Short and Carol Resy about childlessness (37142)
3.30 Mumbby's Lew. Comedy drams series starring George Secal as an

3.30 Murphy's Law. Comedy drama series starring George Segal as an insurance claim investigator (r) (19325) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (87601)

11,35 Meathais 2 (1984): Comedy set at an

atternational (errors) (1423057) 4.10 Glearning the Cube (1989) Detec thriller set against the California skalebo ing community (118279) Ends at 5.55

Jany Lee Lewis (549781) 4.15 Lensman - The Power of the Lens:

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 **8.00 Cimarron (1961): Drama, sperning 40 years, about a femily living in the American West (631675)
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lempestuous relationship (5573/237)
3.45 A Private Function (1985). Alan Bernett comedy about a man who rears a black-market pig Starring Michael Palin (845144). Ends at 5.20

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 4.00pm Punky Brawster (2085) 4.20 Patricoal Junction (9897) 5.00 The New Leave It To Beaver (6694) 5.30 Greenscras (4209) 6.00 Here's Lucy (5502) 6.30 F Troop (1014) 7.00 McHele's Navy (8830) 7.30 The Addams Family (5745) 8.00 Dad's Antry (2876) 8.30 It's Garry Shandfing's Show (1385) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (23101) 9.30 Here's Lucy (43826) 10.00 The Last Laugh (12188) 10.30 The Addams Family (98588)

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

5.00 Vicieofashion The fur industry (r) (77960) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (15057). Ends at 6.00

9.40 Projector (305594) 10.00 House of Usher (1990). An American

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (6303236) 9.25 Schools (85580502)

12.00 The Parliament Programme (92255) 12.30 Business Daily (9767547) 1.00 Sesame Street (14753) 2.00 Film: The Loves of Carmen (1948) starring Rite Hayworth and Glenn Ford. The stars of Gilda look distinctly uncomfortable in this duli non-operatic version of the Carmen story about a beautiful.

amoral gypsy woman who lures an innocent soldier into a life of crime. Directed by Charles \identification (459007)

3.45 Pete Smith Specialities: Groovie Movie (1944, b/w) (6303656)

4.00 A Brush with Art. Alwyn Crawshaw paints in Devon (994)

4.30 Countdown With Richard Whiteley (s) (526)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show Two tamilies tall about the traumas after their babies were switched at birth (825160)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (194548)
6.00 The Crystal Maze Devicus game show for youngsters (29897)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teleteri)
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8.00 Free for Alf Derry resident Maureen Shiels reports from the city 20 years after "Bloody Sunday" (3304)

8.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out Off-beat comedy (r) (s) (8295)

9.00 The Goldring Audit.

CHOICE. In 1967 Mary Goldring was interviewed for Fanorama and declared that the Concorde was too small, too slow and too shot and to and declared that the Concorde was too small, too slow and too short on range. She said she would scrap if that aftermoon No one scrapped if. Thanks to writing off its huge development costs. Concorde has finally gone into profit. But only 16 have been built, compared with the 300 or even 400 predicted in the early 1970s. and there will be no more Goldring was right. There might be case for a supersonic passenger arcraft but not an overweight fuel guzzler that camed only 100 people. Goldring's film is partly Holdryouso, partly a peek into the future. The Boeing company in the United States hints at a possible son of Concorde by the year 2000 Golding fears that for all its expertise in supersonic technology built up during the 1950s and 1960s, the British contribution could be confined to supplying the carpets and the lavatones (Teletext) (5236)



Playing the villain of the piece: Brenda Fricker (10.00pm)

 CHOICE. As the kindly nurse Megan in Casually Brenda Fricker was everyone's shoulder to cry on. As Sister Agnes in this six part Australian drama she comes close to playing a villain, a sour reactionary holding back the forces of change Brides of Christ is set in a Sydney convent in the 1960s, a decade of social and political upheaval Tonight's episode focuses on Diane (Josephine Byrnes) who is about to be married, has a last minute change of heart and decides to become a nun. With her friend Veronica (Lisa Hensley) she is soon on a collision course with the unbending Sister Agnes *Brides of Christ* is a depart, well-made series which undercuts any learning towards gush with welcome injections of humour. With five more episodes to come the narrative is in no hurry but already there are ample clues to the youthful questioning of traditional ways that will provide the central theme. (Telete-1) (5)

11.05 Just For Laughs. The first of a new series of highlights from the

1991 Montreal international comedy festival (750946)

11.40 Martin Niemolier The life story of the U-boat officer, lurred pacifist and evangelical theologian in German with English subtitles (722149) Ends at 1.35

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5.40 Entertainment Tonight (428697)
6.00 Memphis Beite (1990) Second world war drame about the crew of the B-17 bomber (89217)
6.00 The Fourth War (1990) An American and a Russian general wage a personal war against one enother (47099236)

e Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 8.30am Aerobice (20149) 7.00 Nrl. Ice Hockey (858472) 8.30 Live Australian Open Ternis (3512946) 12.30pm Scothish Cup Footbat Aberdeen v Rungers (26385) 2.30 Netbusters (8256323) 2.55 Ford Snow Report (3392101) 3.00 NFL Folias (6439) 3.30 NFL Streethout Pagazar (82927) 4.30 3.30 NFL Superbowl Preview (88930) 4.30 NHL Ice Hockey (61878) 5.30 Red Line

RADIO 2 Show 6.30 Brian Hayes: Good Monang UKI 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloris Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Fm Somy I Haven't a Clue (r) 7.30 Walty Whyton 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 Such Sweel Hermony Brian Kay explores the world of close hermony singing 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bit Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

Story, 9.15 Together, 9.35 Listering and Heading, 9.40 The Song Tree, 10.00 in the New 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnne Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Room 101 Nick Hancock invites Danny Baker to talk about the records, films and books that he hates the most (3 of 6) 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service, International Call, 9.05 Outlook, 3.30 Mendian Feature, 4.05 Assignment 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 The Hobbit by J.F.R. Tofloen (14 of 15) 7.30 The Adventures of Tritin by Hergis: Red Reckham's Treasure: Third of six adventures 8.00 Space Five 8.30 Vibel 9.30 in Search of Minato: Third of a four-part drame by Dolores Pata 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Eastern Beat, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

(57149) 8.30 European Football Round-Up (17033) 7.30 Netbusters (810033) 7.55 Ford Snow Report (548304) 8.00 Ringade (296) 3.00 African Nations Cup (9837) 4.00 (39236) 10.00 Ford St. Report (18743) 11.00 Australien Open Terms (2048052) EUROSPORT

American summer camp (777743) 1.05em Ambyvite 4: The Evil Escapadee (1989). A lamily is terrorised by an evil spini (2527-261). EUHORPONI

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8.00am European Figure Skarting Champlonship (52472) 8.00 Pane-Cape Town Raily
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1.5am The Little Princess (1939, b/w):
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1.15 The Magic of Dr Snuggies (254101)

10.15 The Mummy's Ghost (1944, b/w):
Sisming Lon Chaney it (2316694)

11.20 Cyrano: Centon (9014856)

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12.15 pm The Atomic City (1952, b/w): An atomic scientist's son is kidnapped (536217)

2.15 Great Balls of Fire (1989; Biopic of Jany Lee Laws (549781)

SCREENSPORT 7.00em Eurobess (34830) 7.30 Frenkfurt International Horse Show (53965) 8.00 US PGA Tour 1992 (45615) 9.30 Eurobes

(75830) 10.00 Almoan Nations Cup 11.00 Matchroom Pro Box (25830)

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TO THE REPORT OF THE PERSON OF

7.00 Morning Concert: Satie, orch Debussy (Gynopédie, No 3): Faurė (Impromptu, Op 86): Milhaud (Suite Provençale) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Rameau (Suste, Dardanus); Haydn (Dwartimento in C, H IV 8), Castelnuovo-Tadesco

(Gultar Concerto No 1 in D)

6.55em Weather News Headlines

8.35 Composers of the Week Berlioz (Chant secre; Chaerens me, Lacrymose; Offertorium and Hostias. Grande Messe des Morte: Méditation religieuse, Tristia; Meditation religieties, Irrist The Flight into Egypt, The Childhood of Christ) Childhood of Christ)

9.35 Leath to Depart: Chopin
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panol, Wilbye (Adieu Sweet
Amayris); Tomkors (Adieu Ye
City-Prisoning Towers);
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Cambridge Singers unde John Rutter); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Les Adieux: Murray Perahia): Howells (Nunc Dimittis: Cambridge Singers under John Rutter); Josquin des Près (Adleu mes amours; Si congiè prens; J'ey bien cause; Allègez-mov La nive des nivers Allègez-moy: La plus des plus; Coeur langoreub: Ensemble Clament Janequin; Ensemble es Elements); Maxwell Davies Ferewell to Stromness, the composer, piano); Faurė Poème d'un Jour Barbara Hendricks, soprano, Michael D'Alberto, piano): Gyles Famabye (Loath to Depart: revor Pinnock, harpsichord); Hanns Eisler (Landscape of Exile: On the Duration of Exile: In the Beginning, Morning: Spruch, To a Little Portable

Radio Dietnch Fischer-Dieskau, bantone, Anbert Reimann, pianoi; Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sharp minor, The Farewell, Vienna Concentus Musicus Linder Nicolas Hamoncourt) 11.20 BBC Philhermonic Orchestra in Carissie under Edward Downes performs Weber (Overture, Oberon), Mozart (Piano Concerto No 15 in B flat, K 450, Christian (Symphony No 2 in E साईकान)

1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, Thurston Clasinet Quartet performs Henri Tomasi (Three vertissements); Dodgson agalelies for four clarinets erk (Serenade, Op 55); Stark (Serenade, Op 55); Krejci (Listy z Dalky, Op 63, Autumn Leaves); Farkas (Four Ancient Hungarian Dances); Jobim, De Moraes and Gimbel, arr Blezard (Girl from

2.00 Schubert (String Qumtet in C, D 956: Natalia Gutmann, cello; Brandis Quartet) 2.50 Fauré and Messiaen: BBC 2.50 Fauré and Messiaen: BBC
Welsh SO under Yan-Pascal
Torteller, BBC Welsh Chorus
perform Messiaen
(L'Ascension); Fauré

(Requiem, Op 43) (r) 3.55 Wolfgang Manz: The plantst plays Besthoven (Stx Begatelies, Op 126; Polonals in C, Op 89); Liszt in C, Op 89); Liszt (Ricardanza; Wilde Jagd; Harmonies du Soir, Transcendental Studies); Bartók (Plano Sonata, 1926); Rischmaninov (Sonata No 2 in B fist minor, Op 35), incl 4.45 Interval Reardino interval Reading

B.30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News
7.05 Der ferne Klang; From the
Grand Theatre, Leeds, a live performance of Brighte
performance of Brighte
personner's new
production for Opera North of
Franz Schreker's erotic and
mystical opera. Sung in English in a new translation to Paul Daniet. Chorus of Opera Paul Danief. Chorus of Opera North under Martin Pickard: English Northern Philharmoni under Paul Daniel, with Kim Begley, tenor, as Fritz, and Virginia Kerr, soprano, as Grete. 7.55 Brigitte Fassbaender talks about her approach to the opera. 8.15 Act 2 9.00 Frank Whitford considers the cultural background of Schreker's

background of Schreiker's opera. 9.20 Act 3 10.15 Schmitt and Rousset: The pianist John Clegg plays Florent Schmitt (Soirs).

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John Howard 12.25pm Galehed at Blandings: New York and After. The first of a four-part dramatisation of P.G. Wodehouse's novel (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with James Nauchtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; The Music Teacher:

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7.20-8.00 Four Seasons (FM only)

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Bright prospect: fashions at the Hartnell collection yesterday, from left, royal blue satin organza dress and jacket by Marc Bohan, worn with Philip Treacey's flyaway hat; strapless dress of navy silk with sheer jacket worn with jewelled pin; flower dress and short jacket in printed silk worn with a triple-winged hat

Bohan's bright summer blues beat off the winter cold

By LIZ SMITH, FASHION EDITOR

FASHION followers escaped the cold in London yesterday with a sunshine package of colourful, summery style presented by Harmell, the royal couture house. Marc Bohan, formerly designer at Dior in Paris and

now at Hartnell with a brief to revive its image, showed a fresh-looking collection mainly in shades of blue - from crisp navy and sky blue for curved jackets and fluttery organza boieros worn over cap-sleeved dresses or wrap-over skirts and T-shirt tops to aquamarine and turquoise for gauzy chiffon and

organza evening dresses. Skirts at Hartnell are predominantly short, although M Bohan opened his show with a few of the fashionable skinny, new mid-calf lengths, which close at the side (or centre front) with a sassy tassie tied to the zip-tag. M Bohan, known for his gentle tailoring, also revived the puffball for 1992, frothing bubbly silk cloque over a petticoat. Spectators at the show in Mayfair, included Princess Rosaria of Bulgaria, the Countess of Woolton, Baronne Philippe de Rothschild and Rosemary Lamont, the Chancellor's wife, and Anne Bohan, the designer's daughter, dressed in a crisp, grey suit created by her father.

Heseltine to act on poll tax

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how to act in the circumstances." But despite Mr Heseltine's assurances, councils said they feared that the system would grind to a halt

until the law was changed. Magistrates on Merseyside have already refused to issue any more summonses against alleged non-payers pending a

High Court ruling. try relies on computers to collect the poll tax and, without a change in the law. lawyers believe it will be impossible to collect the £1 billion poll-tax arrears. Seven million liability orders already granted by the courts may also be invalidated and councils could have to repay

millions of pounds in legal costs and compensation to those summonsed and even imprisoned. As many as two million summonses are currently outstanding and in parts of London and other cities up to half of all adults have still not paid last year's

Lady Elizabeth Anson, the Conservative chairman of the cils, said: "We warned ministers about these legal arguments last year but we were told to carry on and not to worry. It is now up to the government to act to clarify the law. We deserve to have the law made certain.

Although yesterday's ruling is not binding on other courts, lawyers said it would have "enormous persuasive value" because of the seniority of the magistrate and the detailed nature of his findings. It took Christopher Bourke, the magistrate, an hour to give his reasons for ruling that Camden council had no right to rely on computer records to prove that two women. Sarah Hobson

paid their poll tax. Computer records were admissible as evidence in civil cases in the county and high courts but the 1968 Civil Evidence Act, which allowed their use, had never been extended to civil procedings in the magistrates courts, he

Major keeps options open

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sary. A March 17 Budget would have made it virtually

impossible. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, yesterday called for the government to name the election date, saying: "It is time to put a stop to this ridiculous uncertainty, this shadow boxing. The British people are getting ied up witi

Differences of view within the government were confirmed when Kenneth Clarke. the education secretary, said on BBC Radio Four's Today programme: "If he wants to know my opinion, I am probably more likely to go for May than for June, but we have got until July if we want. I do not mind April but I am in no rush to have an election." Yet another economic de-

bate in the Commons yesterday turned into a ritual pelting of economic statistics. But Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, earlier sought to counter attacks on Labour's tax policies by taking the debate on to the moral plain. He said: "We stand or fall on the belief that most people in Britain want a fairer society", claiming that the Tories would campaign on a "crude appeal to selfish-

ness and greed". . . . In the Commons Mr Lamont admitted that the economic recovery had been slower than he had predicted. But he was noticeably more

England and Wales dry and sunny, but cold with overnight

freezing fog persisting, especially in the Midlands and Yorkshire.

Frost returning widely in the evening in the south but cloudy and

warmer in the far north, with some rain. Gale force winds in parts

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relaxed in countering the attack by John Smith, the shadow chancellor, that the gov-ernment was attacking Labour's tax policies to divert attention from its poor record with the economy.

Challenged by the Tory backbencher, Patrick Nicholls, that Labour's plans to tax savings income over £3,000 would affect 750,000 basic-rate taxpayers Mr Smith replied: The purpose of our changes is to treat unearned and earned income in exactly the same way, and I think that is a first class principle that should be there in all taxation systems."

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Political sketch

A soufflé only good in parts

There is a slightly souffle chelles? shouted a Labour MP.
John Smith. Yesterday it It was about this point was possible to see that the Shadow Chancellor is not a banker but a barrister. The surface of the souffle

was ever so lightly ruffled. There was a hiss of escaping steam, and the pudding tilted, sagged, and settled into what was still a very self-respecting pudding, but not quite so proud a pudding as before. Honour was maintained, but a little poise was lost. For the first have doubted how substan-tial a dish lay beneath the

Credit for the partial lancing of the souffle went to Chancellor Norman Lamont and chief secretary David Mellor: no prize-winning profiteroles themselves, but on this occasion charmlessly effective. The measure of their success was an unusual sight: a would-be chancellor, pressed to say how his plans could be financed, blustering "not the slight-est problem", "more than enough"; then, under pressure, "there's a huge range of options".

The debate started with a peech from Mr Lamont. He did well. There was an unsteady start, though. Aplomb is hard to maintain while ducking taunts (lobbed from across the floor) British politics"; sparkle is not assisted by jewels like "there are good reasons for-believing that the recovery will be firmly established in " 1992" and "the founda-

tions are in place!" Moving on from these stirring observations, Mr Lamont quickened pulses with the remark that "the narrow definition of M 0 has moved into its top range" and eroised triumphantly to a shocking expose of retail sales figures in Canada. British voters, it seems, should transport themselves mentally to the check-out queue in Saskatoon, if they are to appreciate what Mr Lamont has

achieved for them here. In case we supposed eco-nomic distress abroad to be confined to Canada, the Charicellis also mentioned Sweden and Switzerland," adding the bad news on "industrial production in Belgium". Offering comparative figures for Ca and Belgium may be seen by some as evidence of desperation in a chancellor. "What about the Sey-

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It was about this point that Sir Ian Lloyd (C. Havant), followed by Iver Stanbrook (C. Orpington), decided to leave. Doubtless they had pressing business to attend to, but noisy Opposition mirth resulted. This was the low point. Then the Chancellor

began to build up steam. Citing a series of Labour

"piceges," Mr Lamont en-quired as to the status of each. The mockery worked, and he gathered momen-tum It is remarkable how reliably successful in the Chamber is the use of lists. It gives rhythm and, as in a nursery story, the audience like the repetition and sense of chorus. Whether it's "Take social security. On November 9 1991 the Rt hon gentleman promised On January 7 1992 the Rt hon gentleman promised ... or whether it's: "Then the medium riced bear said who's been eating my por-zidge? and the big bear said who's been eating my porridge? ... the effect is the same. The audience

Tohn Smith's start was I marred by the fact that, moments before, he had fallen flat on his face. He had been stung by Lamon's charge that the public did not trust his promises, and leapt to challenge it. It was interesting to observe amour propre in a figure who normally lacks it. How dare Lamont say he was not trusted asked Smith when all the polls showed that he, Lamont, was unpopular.
The implication was that

know where they are. He

sat down to a good cheer.

Mr Smith was more popular than Mr Lamont. The problem here was that the same polls show that Mr Kinnock is less popular than Mr Smith, far less, and Kinnock was sitting right next to him. The

Tory taunt was predictable.

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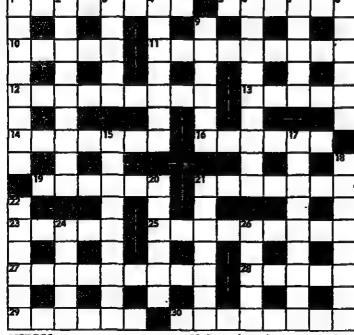
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CHARKET

Smith never quite recovered his balance. Chal-lenged on his statistics and Treasury oxiotes, he began to huff and puff a little. When David Melior prodown sums added up, he spluttered "you're asking me to give details of a budget", Indignation on this score, from a man who hopes to be Chancellor by

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ACROSS

- I Food here for a friar to give away
- 5 Posh fur ready to wear (6). 10 Look forward to a humorist accepting an article (5).
- 11 Henry Ford rejected viscous fuel for this vessel (9).

from channels (5).

- 12 A boring device in that Parisian card-game (9). 13 Vessels removing source of silt
- 14 Concerning one member leading the relief work (7). 16 Mount for a fellow sergeant.
- perhaps? (6). 19 A note from Caruso, say (6).
- 21 Male dog given this by dockers? 23 Suffer from cold in popular old
- city (5). 25 Like packets moving safely on
- rollers (9). 27 Come to blows fearlessly with this for protection? (4-5).
- Solution to Puzzle No 18,821 SPHERICAL O O E R D A U S O T A R S E A F E E O C D

- 28 Rate of activity encountered on
- return to river (5). 29 A brilliant company for the festival, with two unknowns (6).
- 30 Censors, we hear, work in pairs

DOWN

- Calm as the mind 4 bid farewell
- 2 Broadcast extremely prophetic parable of the fruit-tree (4-5) Butterfly in evidence one day a
- Look up and down when crossing
- the Moor (7). 6 Ass in south with a lot of money procures explosive device (5.4).
- Agent runs oil, leaving one bankrupt (5).
- 8 Enrol in new Light Infantry mustered in east of France (6)
- 9 Braved rioting, for example, unwisely (6). 15 Guardsman here making second

appearance on TV (6-3).

- Island boat's first carpenter, for instance (9).
- 18 Many were prone increasingly to display a sword (8). 20 Hero's terrific contribution to the
- roll of names (6). 21 Clump of ferns blown by the wind in the mountain (7).
- 22 VIP's wife in second-rate musical set-up (6). Navigation of vessel by a learner
- 26 Extravagant note unacceptable

to the Head (5).

Coacise crossword, page 19

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

COLDCOCK a. A fighting cock's spur b. A turn at figure skatin c. To knock somebody un THIG
a. A cold in the nose
b. To live by begging
c. The tooth of a plough ENGOULED

Stock in the mouth BOREE

a. The victim of a bore b. A kind of Acacia c. An Australian water hole

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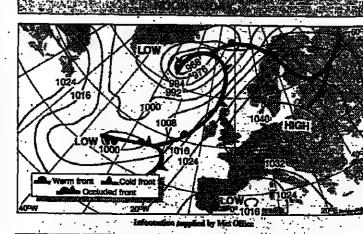
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



Sir Nicholas Goodison discovered that for every three people doing a job at the TSB, a fourth was rechecking their work and

correcting mistakes

EMULATION

Danish Inflation is less than half that of Germany but the Danes do not mind having higher rates than the Germans Page 27

GEMINATE

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emerging fast from the era in which South Africa was taboo in the Soviet Union. the world's other great. diamond producing area Page 24

LEP WARNING

Lep, the freight forwarding group, has warned its shareholders of write offs on its American property interests Page 25...

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Patrick Egan opened Fisons' doors to City analysts yesterday. following the resignation of the previous chairman Comment, page 27

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Further syndicate losses expected

Gooda Walker members face extra £101 m bill

syndicates formerly managed by the now defunct Gooda Walker agency have received demands for an additional £101 million and a warning that they should prepare themselves for further

The cash calls bring losses on syndicates 164, 290, 298 and 299 to £238.4 million. Names have until March 2 to pay the cash calls, which average £20,000 each and relate to the 1989 and 1990 accounts.

The company managing the syndicates has appointed advisers to investigate the circumstances surrounding the placing of the policies that have led to the losses.

The latest cash calls come a week after the publication of the Rowland Task Force report on the figure of Lloyd's. The report has been criticised for not including any proposals to help names suffering from heavy losses from past

The four Goods Walker syndicates are among those hardest hit by the "excess of loss spiral" at Lloyd's, which was triggered by a series of catastrophes in the late Eighties, including Hurricane Hugo and the Exxon Valdez oil spiil. Total cash calls amount to the audited defi-ciencies of the syndicates at the 1990 year end. The big-gest losses have been suffered by syndicate 290, which had 3,163 members in 1988, and incurred a 132.25 per cent loss for 1989 and 88.6 per

Ralph Sharp, the chairman

EUROTUNNEL suffered a

legal setback in the battle.

with the contractors building

the £8 billion Channel tunnel

over cost overruns yesterday

when a judgment from the

Court of Appeal overturned an earlier ruling and allowed

the builders to down tools on.

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The tunnel operator was

playing down suggestions

that the two sides were close

to resolution of the long-run-

ning dispute. "It is premature

to say a deal is close. It is not

clear today whether, to what extent, or when the parties

might reach an agreement,"

There was no indication,

however, that any work on the

tunnel would stop immed-lately. Euronimnel said it was

considering an appeal to the House of Lords, while

Transmanche Link, the Anglo-French consortium, stressed that it was still keen

to negotiate a settlement with

Europinnel over the builders'

claims on the contract to pro-

vide fixed equipment, now

a statement said.

THE 4,000 names on of GW Run-Off, a company four loss-making Lloyd's appointed by the Council of syndicates formerly maning up of the Gooda Walker syndicates, said that the cash calls were necessary because of pressure from the compa-ny's bankers to reduce the "substantial" borrowings taken on to finance "the sheer outflow of claims."

He added that the total losses on the four syndicates were likely to be in excess of those estimated by the Gooda Walker management and that further demands for cash could be made before the summer. All four of the syndi-cates have had their 1989 years of account left open. The Gooda Walker agency, which also managed three other syndicates not affected by the latest cash calls, went into liquidation last

Of the £137 million aiready called, about £21 million has not be paid. Alfred Doll-Steinberg, the chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, said he had been advised by counsel that the previous cash calls had been legally flawed and that names should not pay if they did not want to. He did not know whether this also applied to the latest cash call. Lloyd's has appointed its own review board to examine the Gooda Walker losses. To date: Lloyd's is not thought to have drawn down on deposits, including bank gurantees, louged at the market or instituted legal action against non-paying Goods Walker

GW Run-Off has sub-contracted the handling of the run-off of the syndicates to City Run-Off, a subsidiary of

Builders' success puts

pressure on Eurotunnel

By OUR CITY STAFF

The Court of Appeal over-

turned an earlier court judg-

ment in Eurotunnel's favour

by the High Court in Novem-

ber, saying it was ourside the

court's jurisdiction, and

awarded costs to the builders.

ecutive is Sir Alastair Mor-

ton, said work was progres-

sing on the contract, as were

The latest victory for the

builders in the complex legal

skirmishing sent the price of

Sir Alastair: talks go on

talks over cost overruns.

Eurotunnel, whose chief ex-

standing at £1.27 billion.

the Bankside Group. More than 80 staff are working on the processing of claims and reinsurance recoveries relating to the Gooda Walker

Mr Sharp added that GW Run-Off and City Run-Off have undertake a thorough examination of the affairs of the syndicates which had identified "a number of specific matters. . . which are complex and require detailed analysis."

Mr Sharp would not comment on the nature of the issues being investigated, but the Gooda Walker Action Group has commissioned a legal opinion from Gavin Lightman QC, which said that many of the policies that have led to the losses may have been improperly placed.

□ Lloyd's has appointed Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman of Lloyds Bank, and a nomi-nated member of the Council of Lloyd's to lead a working group into the controversial proposals on governance of the market included in the Rowland Task Force. David Rowland, who chaired the Task Force, will also be a member of the working party. The report's chapter on gov-ernance was initially rejected by the Council of Lloyd's:

The Japanese Ministry of Finance is considering granting Lloyd's a licence to conduct business in what is the world's second largest insurance market: A decision on the application is expected to be made later this year as part of a review of the laws regulating the Japanese insurance industry. Local officials are reported to have taken a positive attitude to Lloyd's setting

Eurotunnel units back 12p to

The builders can now stop

work on the cooling system if

they wish to put further pres-

sure on Eurotunnel, but this

is only a small part of the original £620 million fixed

Asked if the consortium

would now be downing tools

on the cooling system, John Hamlen, head of communi-

cation services at TML, said:

"I wouldn't have thought so.

But it [the judgment] can't be

seen to damage our prospects

The contractors said they

were pleased at the Court of

Appeal victory, but it "would not, however, stop TML from continuing to seek with Euro-

tunnel a solution to their

completion of the project".

than £200 million apart.

equipment contract.

in any way."



Rosehaugh-Stanhope merger talks aborted

troubled property group, fell point yesterday after the company announced that its merger talks with Stanhope had been called off and that it

was talking to its bankers. However, they' recovered slightly to close at 54 p, after the company expressed its confidence that a new agree-ment could be reached with its 28 banks. Six weeks ago. Rosehaugh revealed pre-tax losses of £227 million, had its accounts qualified and admitted that it had breached its banking covenants.

Godfrey Bradman, who built the company up into one of Britain's leading develop-ers in the Eighties, also stepped down as chairman last month, although he con-

tinues as deputy chairman. Rosehaugh, best known as joint developer of Broadgate in the City of London and a potential developer of the King's Cross Channel tunnel terminal, owes around £310 million to its banks. A standstill agreement expires at the end of this month.

Paul Rivlin, a director of Rosehaugh, rejected the idea that the company was facing a seven day deadline. He said discussions with the banks, co-ordinated by Barclays and NatWest, were continuing. "Everyone is expecting to make further progress by Jan-uary 31."

existing disputes in order to ensure the earliest possible Rosehaugh's latest problems come two years after S G The builders are claiming Warburg put together a £125 £650 million in overruns on million rights issue, designed to give the company the the fixed equipment contract. breathing space to make Eurotunnel has provided for property disposals. However, £448 million of this figure, with the market falling furbut the two sides are still more ther and faster than anyone

SHARES in Rosehaugh, the imagined, disposals have Mr Rivlin said the calledbeen insufficient to stem the off merger talks should have massive losses. December: losses followed losses of £165 million the year before.

Earlier, the joint statement from Rosehaugh and Stanhope had confirmed that the merger talks that began last July had been called off because there was little likelihood of reaching an agreement in the near future and that further uncertainty was not in the interests of either company's shareholders.

no impact on Rosehaugh discussion with its banks.

Although the proposed deal has always been referred to as a merger, it became clear that any deal would effectively involve the USM-quoted Stanhope taking over Rosehaugh. The most recent indications were that Stanhope would emerge with over 80 per cent of an enlarged group.

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Maxwell private firms siphoned £500m

BY NEIL BENNETT

trolled by Robert Maxwell spent £500 million siphoned from his public companies and pension funds in an attempt to support the share price of Maxwell Communication Corporation and pay

for mounting losses, accoun-tants have discovered.

Arthur Andersen, administrator to the Maxwell private companies, is near to ending its enquiry into the fate of the money. It has found Mr Maxwell spent £200 million in an iliegal attempt to support MCC's share price via Swiss Liechtenstein trusts.

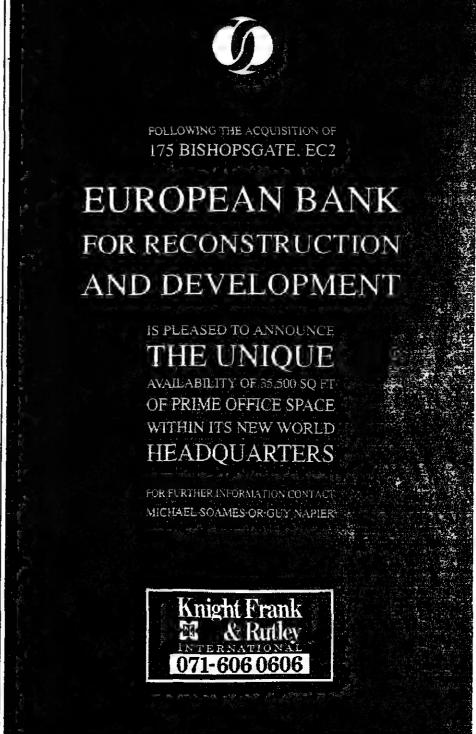
The trusts bought the shares, but Maxwell private companies paid for them. None of the trades were re-ported to the Stock Exchange, in breach of company law. The share support operation is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office. In one transaction, Yakosa and Servex, two Swiss companies, bought 25 million MCC shares via Goldman Sachs, the American. securities firm. The funds are thought to have come from a Maxwell-controlled com-

The illegal share purchases all occurred last year. The first took place in April, when MCC shares rose sharply in the run-up to the flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers. A second set of dealsis recorded in July, when MCC's share price began to fall. Andersen has found MCC shares bought by the trusts were lent back to the private companies and used to borrow more stock from the pension funds and raise more loans.

A further £200 million was used for official MCC share purchases, which were reported to the exchange, MCC was placed in administration last month, and its shares are thought to be worthless.

Andersen has found money siphoned from Maxwell company pensions was used to finance losses of £100 million in the private companies. Other funds were used to pay private company loans and interest bills.

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Greenalls hand over the pumps

BY MARTIN WALLER

ONE of Britain's longest established members of the "beerage," the tight coterie of aristocrats that control much of the brewing industry, is handing over

The Greenall family has agreed to scrap the outdated two-tier share structure that has operated since their company, then called Greenall Whitley, came to the stock market in 1952. A complex scheme of enfranchisement is planned to give the holders of the limit-ed voting stock full rights raising the prospect of a hostile bid for the first

time in the company's 230-year history. But the restructured management is more likely to use its new freedom to issue shares in pursuit of a big expansion programme. Once one of Britain's best-known regional brewers, the nowrenamed Greenails Group ceased brewing at Warrington, Cheshire, in 1990

and now concentrates on public houses, restaurants, hotels and off-licences. The Greenall family, whose head is

the third Baron Daresbury, will see its voting rights drop from 53 per cent to 17 per cent once the limited voting shares are enfranchised. In return it will benefit from a share issue that will give family members one new share, which has a par value five times' that of existing shares and receives five times' the dividends, for every two now held.

At the same time the family, motto Aita Peto or "I seek to rise," is selling about a fifth of its holdings for the benefit of family trusts, raising £25 million but retaining 24 million shares. A baronetcy existed in the family in Victorian times, but the first Baron Daresbury was ennobled in 1927 for services to agriculture - like many members of the beerage the Greenalls have close links with the land, and he was largely responsible for the creation

of the Royal Show. The family took the name Daresbury from a local village. The first baron's eldest great-grand-

son, Peter Greenall, is to become managing director of the company in September. Another great-grandson, John, still works for Greenails' wine and spirits side. His wife, Gabrielle, is god-mother to Princess Beatrice, the Duke of York's daughter.
Andrew Thomas, the managing direc-

tor, who will become chairman and

chief executive, said it was important

Greenalls had maximum flexibility in

terms of access to financial markets, and enfranchisement would provide it. Although they were popular once, only a handful of two-tier voting structures still survive on the stock market. One safeguards the fortunes of the Whitbread family, probably the most influential of the surviving beerage.



How I got where I am today

Kyoshi Watano is a board member of Alps, a \$3 billion global electronics firm. He also heads a United Kingdom workforce of over 600 people manufacturing and exporting high technology electronic components to customers throughout Europe. How did he get where he is today? He successfully developed his manufacturing operations in a city with the most advanced telecommunications in Britain. Where European markets are easily reached by rail, air and sea. And where 25 million people live within a 2 hour drive. If you would like to join him, ring Bob Hill, Commercial Director Milton Keynes Development Corporation, on (0908) 692692.

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Businesses show signs of falling confidence

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

ther encouragement from an-

swers on orders, deliveries

and exports. In these categ-

ories, the results in the fourth

quarter were slightly more favourable than in the Sep-

tember survey, but employ-ment expectations showed a

further marked decline, espe-

The association's regional analysis showed a wide diver-

gence in economic performance and prospects. In the

North-East, the best performing region, the association noted strong growth at home

and in exports, rising employment and even growing investment in both manufacturing and service sectors. By

contrast, the South-West was

still suffering from a high rate

of decline and seriously diminishing employment. Summarising the outlook across the country, the association said: The North East,

the Thames Valley and East Midlands are well on the

road to recovery, while Wales,

the Southern Region and

Merseyside remain in the grip of worsening recession. Recovery, when it comes, will not therefore be uniform or

El Business confidence has fallen, demand remains stagnant and there is no evidence of any upturn in the demand for labour, according to a gloomy survey of Scottish

.The Scottish Chambers of

Commerce survey said that in the last quarter of last year, business confidence fell in all

principal sectors of the econo-

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contract or remained stag-

nant, and manufacturers

were continuing to run down

confidence, and Dundee

cially in the service sector.

BUSINESS confidence detenorated in both the manufacturing and service sectors during the final quarter of last year after three quarters of steady improvement, according to the Quarterly Economic Survey from the Association of British Chambers of

Commerce. However, Miles Middleton; the president, said business sentiment remained favourable enough to suggest British industry and commerce were on "an improving trend of slowly and steadily climbing out of recession".

The index of business confidence for marginature.

dence for manufacturers. based on the balance expecting turnover to rise over the next year, fell to 38 per cent in the fourth quarter from 47 per cent in the third. Among service companies, the index declined to 38 per cent from 42 per cent. Despite the de-cline, the latest indices in both sectors were higher than tween the first quarter of The association drew fur-

Minimal rise in factory output

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT Output in manufacturing industry edged up 0.1 per cent in November, according to the latest government figures. However, the sector's first month-on-month increase since July last year occurred against a background of per-

stent underlying decline.
The Central Statistical Office cautioned against read-November dasa and provided productivity. In the three months to November, the increase in manufacturers labour costs slowed to an annual 5 per cent from 6.2 per cent in the three months so October. The slewdown reflected the fact that unemployment was still rising more rapidly than the decime in production. With wages under downward pressure. unit labour costs are

decelerating.

Despite the minimal November rise in factory output, the three months picture is still showing output falling at I per cent from the previous three months Compared with last year, output was down less than 3 per cent. However, this represents an improvement since the 7 per cent annual shrinkage recorded last summer.

Overall industrial production, which includes the energy sector, showed an 0.6 per cent decline between the latest three-month periods, which was attributable to weaker oil and gas produc-tion in November. On a yearon-year comparison, the production industries' output was 1.4 per cent down. Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, said the figures showed the industrial sector was still not picking up. although improved competitiveness augured well for company profits.

Granada sells

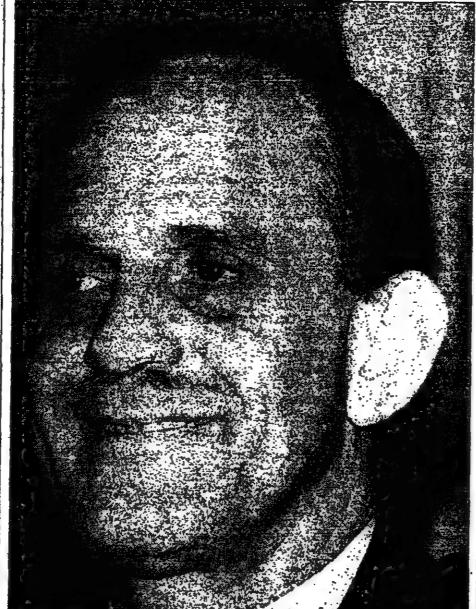
Granada has sold its interest in Kapy, its Spanish resail subsidiary, to Broom Pine Company, an investment company owned by European businessmen. Kapy, which was sold debt free for a nominal consideration, lost £6 million in the last financial year. In the year to end-September, as part of its extraordinary charges, Gra-nada provided £30 million in respect of Kapy, which fully covered costs associated with the disposal.

Frame's post

Sir Alistair Frame, chairman of Wellcome, is to chair the Confederation of British Industry's newly formed national manufacturing council. established to identify the steps needed to protect and improve Britain's manufac-

turing industry. Woolwich dosures

Woolwich Building Society is closing 21 of its 300 estate agency branches a year after n bought 191 from Prudential Property Services. Most



Merger in mind: Roger Shute, BM chairman, aims to buy Thomas Robinson

BM discloses bid details

BY MATTHEW BOND

equipment. After the rights

BM GROUP, the construction equipment distributor, has unveiled a 641 million agreed offer for Thomas Robinson, the mini-conglomerate put together by Graham Rudd but run since last July by Roy Barber, the company

BM is offering ten new BM shares for every 148 shares in Thomas Robinson, valuing each Thomas Robinson share at 25.8p and the whole company at around £41 million. Shares in Thomas Robin-

No increase in demand was expected in the first quarter of son jumped to 24p, twice the level at which they were sus-pended last Friday. BM's this year, said the survey, which covered 1,200 firms in theres closed 18p below their Scotland. The only bright spots were Aberdeen, which suspension price at 382p.

The bid was accompanied continued to be the most

by a £60 million rights issue, which will pay Thomas Rob- time to be at a high level and

inson's outstanding debts of £40 million and fund an imthe outlook for 1992 remains poor. It is unlikely that shareholders would receive a diviminent Canadian purchase that takes BM into forestry dend before 1994."

issue, BM will have gearing Robinson business should of 45 per cent, Roger Shuts, BM chairman, said. produce considerable merger enefits when combined with BM Group, which has a BM's existing businesses. In 2.99 per cent stake in Thom-October, Thomas Robinson as Robinson, has irrevocable revealed pre-tax losses of £22 undertakings or indications of an intention to accept the

Chris Radmore, analyst at Bell Lawrie White, said he offer from 35.4 per cent of shareholders. Mr Barber recexpected an enlarged BM ommended that shareholders Group to make pre-tax profits of £65 million, compared to accept the offer. He said: "Whilst the new £46.5 million forecast for the year to June. Under the rights issue four new shares will be board is continuing its successful programme of disposoffered at 330p for every 21 als and reorganisations inten-ded to improve trading per-

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Mr Shute said the Thomas

Lep gives warning of US write-offs

LEP GROUP, the troubled security and freight forwarding company, has given warning of substantial provi-sions and write-offs, principally against its American

property interests. Lep also advised its shareholders that restructuring proposals being discussed with its bankers included a partial conversion of debt into

equity.

The company is reviewing the proposed sale of National Guardian, its American sec-

urity systems business.
The statement was issued in response to a sudden move in Lep's shares from 10p to 17 2p in recent days. The shares swiftly moved in the opposite direction, closing at only 8 2p against a 12-month high of 167p.

ADT, the security and car suction, group, headed by

auction group headed by Michael Ashcroft, owns 27 per cent of Lep. John East, finance director of Lep, said the company would write off most or all of its exposure to the American property market, estimated to be in the region of \$150 million.

The refinancing proposals being considered by a syndicate of 30 hards agreed decume

care of 30 banks were drawn up after the appointment as chairman of Peter Grant, who is also chairman of Sun Life Assurance. Lep's debts are the product of an ambi-tious diversification policy pursued in the late Eighties by John Read, the former chairman, who resigned last

National Guardian, which is considered to be the most saleable of Lep's assets, was put on the market in mid-1991, when analysis valued it

at about £250 million. However, estimates were downgraded after a buyer failed to materialise and Mr East conceded yesterday that America "is not the best place to be selling businesses these days". He added that Lep's main bankers remained supportive and the company had access to banking facilities.

Lep's financial results for 1991 are scheduled to be published in April.

At the halfway stage, the company revealed that tax-able profits had fallen from EiO.4 million to £1.9 million. The interim dividend was

BUSINESS ROUND UP

Takeover panel puts
Steetley bid on hold

THE City takeover panel has "stopped the clock" on the hostile bid by Redland for Steetley, the building materials group, because the Office of Fair Trading has yet to make a ruling on the bid. The OFT is currently considering whether the bid would reduce competition in certain markets, most the bid would reduce competition in certain markets, most crucially day roof tiles, and the trade secretary has yet to rule

on a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The panel said yesterday that it did not expect a ruling until after day 39 of the bid, which is the last possible date for Steetley to speak out further in its defence. It has therefore decided that day 39 will be deemed to be the second day after an OFT announcement, and the bid clock will restart then. Steetley welcomed the news, which gives it more time to prepare its defence. David Donne, the chairman, said: "If some people perceive that we have been holding our fire, so be it. Now they know why,"

T&N buys in Germany

T&N has agreed with Germany's privatisation agency to pay about £2 million for Gleitlagerwerk Osterwieck, an automotive bearing maker. The company, which is based in eastern Germany, will be renamed Glacier Vandervell (Osterwieck). It will be integrated into T&N's existing bearings division. T&N said the deal was a key step in its plan to increase market presence in Germany. T&N will use Glacier Vandervell's site, about 50 miles south-east of Hanover, as a base to consolidate German operations and as a springboard into Eastern Europe.

Geevor in US talks

GEEVOR, the mining company, is negotiating a £10 million deal involving a reverse takeover, whereby it will acquire gold and coal interests in America. These comprise an underground coal mine, processing plants and various gold and silver mining interests. Details are expected early next month. Meanwhile, the legal action Geevor started last year against Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, relating to bank loans, continues. Geevor shares last traded at 44p and will remain suspended until shareholders approve the acquisition and reorganisation proposals.

McKay rises to £2 m

McKay Securities, the property investment and development company, reported a 5.5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £1.91 million to £2.01 million in the six months to end-September. Gross rent receipts rose 14.7 per cent to £4.68 million, while income from investment properties advanced 13.9 per cent to £3.97 million. The interim dividend is raised from 3p to 3.2p on earnings up from 5.5p to 6p per share. However, the company said second-half taxable profits "may not be as good as those of the first half", partly because of delayed lettings on recently completed projects.

Coles to sell Sandhurst

COLES Myer, the Australian group, has put Sandhurst Farms Group, its wholly owned agribusiness group, up for sale because it no longer fits in with Coles' core retail operations. Sandhurst, acquired by Coles Myer in 1987, produces dairy and beef produces. Sandhurst is one of Australia's biggest beef producers, preparing more than 60,000 head of cattle for markets in Australia and overseas each year. A Coles Myer probestmen said that Coles Myer. each year. A Coles Myer spokesman said that Coles Myer had decided to put the business up for sale after being approached by a potential buyer.

RCO jumps to £4.39 m

SHARES in RCO Holdings, the contract cleaning and related services group, advanced 17p to 385p after the company unveiled a 19.8 per cent rise in full-year profits and predicted further growth in the current period. Growth in both the public and private sectors helped pre-tax profits rise from £3.67 million to £4.39 million in the year to end-September, on turnover ahead 18.2 per cent to £43.2 million. An increased final dividend of 8.4p (7p) per share is recommended, giving a 20 per cent improvement to 12.6p (10.5p) for the year.

Rescue for de Havilland

THE Ontario government confirmed yesterday that it would spend Can\$49 million (£23 million) to rescue de Havilland, the commuter aircraft maker, after the European Commission blocked a proposed takeover by a Franco-Italian consortium in October. The Ontario government and Bombardier, the Canadian group that owns Shorts, the Belfast aviation firm, are expected to buy the loss-making de Havilland from Boeing for Can\$100 million. Bombardier will pay Can\$51 million for a 51 per cent stake, and the government of Ontario will pay Can\$49 million for the rest.

Water firms link up

THAMES Water and Northumbrian Water have joined forces to buy a Dorset company specialising in lining and repairing water and gas pipes. A joint venture company owned 60 per cent by Thames and 40 per cent by Northumbrian will pay an initial £6.25 million for Subterra. Performance-related payments could increase the amount to £10 million. Meanwhile, South West Water is to raise £150 million through its first long-dated bond issue, which will will initially yield 1.2 percentage points more than a comparable gilt-edged stock.

Inchcape doubles in Middle East

BY OUR CITY STAFF

INCHCAPE, the international services and marketing group, is to double the size of its Middle East operations by buying a group of marketing and distribution companies that trade in eight of the region's states.

Incheape will pay \$57.5 million to Bricom Group for its interests in the Spinneys group of companies, which vill trade alongside Gray Mackenzie, Inchcape's existing Gulf subsidiary. Inchcape Middle East is being estab-lished as a regional holding organisation under the chairmanship of David John, a main board director of

Spinneys operates through series of joint ventures with local partners in Dubai and Abu Dhabi (UAE), Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Cyprus and Lebanon. Its main activities are the importing, marketing and disincluding international brands. The vendors have warranted 1991 post-tax profits, excluding the Kuwait operations, of \$10.3 million. The net asset value at the end of December was \$16

Charles Mackay, the chief executive of Inchcape, said: "The outlook for political and economic stability in the region is more positive now than it has been for many years and I am confident that the companies within Inchcape Middle East will continue their successful development in the years ahead.

Bob Carpenter, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities, said the deal was "a really interesting move" for Inchespe. He added: "They are buying a company that is very well established in that region and has got some excellent businesses." The tribution of consumer goods, shares fell 11p to at 427p.

Milken seeks reduced jail term with settlement deal

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

formance, borrowings con-

MICHAEL Milken, once among the most powerful Wall Street financiers and now serving a 10-year jail sentence for securities violation, is offering a once-andfor-all settlement of civil legal actions brought as part of the case, provided he can offset the penalties against tax and make the restitution count towards his bid for a sentence

According to lawyers close to the negotiations, a deal would also bring exemption from any further legal action against Milken, his brother, Lowell, and Peter Ackerman, their former colleague, for share trading in the Eighties. In the eight years to 1989, Milken headed the Los Angeles-based junk bond department of Drexel Burnham Lambert, the investment bank, and dominated what

grew into a \$300 billion mar-ket. It collapsed in 1989,



Milken was tried for fraud the following year and the bank went into the protection of the bankrupacy court. Drexel is now preparing to emerge from bankruptcy and Milken is anxious for his settlement to be tied into the terms of Drexel's comeback.

Drexel is suing Milken for \$1 billion alleging his illegal activities brought about the collapse of the firm. Milken is

by two government agencies and other individual investors who allege he sold fraudulent securities to 44 Savings & Loan Associations, the American equivalent of building societies, which failed when the junk bond values plummeted. Taxpayers had to pick up the lost billions. Milken and his former colleagues are proposing to settle the claims with a payment of what could be \$1 billion. Milken has already paid

ment after admitting six criminal acts of securities fraud. One of the sticking points is whether the settle-

ment could be made in a form that would allow Mr Milken to deduct at least a proportion of it from his taxes.

Federal regulators, acting on behalf of the taxpayers, are likely to be asked to submit papers supporting Mr Milken's request for an early

\$400 million to a restitution

fund as part of his punish-

De Beers is now proud of a relationship with Russia



By COLIN CAMPBELL MINING CORRESPONDENT

IN THE early Eighties. Gordon Waddell, a former son-in-law of Harry Oppenheimer, the South African mining businessman, was spotted, much to his embarrassment, by a western journalist at the Bolshoi ballet in Moscow sitting in the best seats.

It was a visit to Moscow that took Mr.

Waddell years to live down, and he spent the rest of the decade insisting that as a British subject living in South Africa, and thus free to travel where he liked, he was "just passing through". The financial world, however, insisted that Mr Waddell was there to talk to the Russians about diamonds and platinum, on behalf of his then father in law.

At the time, Russia was a dirty word in South Africa, and vice versa. De Beers' only comment when asked about Russian diamond trading links was "nyer". However, the stone was finally turned yesterday, when the the Oppenheimerfounded De Beers diamond empire announced that its De Beers Centenary group, based in Switzerland, will soon be opening a repesentative office in Mos-cow. The Moscow office is to be staffed by three expatriates, who have recently

been taking lessons in Russian, and confirms the now close relationship between

Russia and De Beers. But then the Nineties have already roved remarkable for De Beers, which July 1990 signed a five-year Soviet Union sales contract worth \$5 billion

over the length of the contact. At the same time, De Beers said it was making a \$1 billion advance to the Soviet diamond mining industry, against which collateral of best quality Russian diamonds was lodged at De Beers' Central Selling Organisation in London.

The deal was signed with Glaval-mazzoloto, now Rossalmazzoloto, the state minerals agency, and has survived the most recent political upheavals in the former Soviet Union.

Russia, together with Botswana, are. in terms of value of carats produced, the world's two most valuable producers of diamonds. For more than 30 years, successive Soviet and Russian diamond authorities have marketed rough gem diamond production directly or indirectly through the CSO, which handles 80 per cent of world gem diamond sales.

Nicholas Oppenheimer, son of Harry and deputy chairman of De Beers Centenary, said yesterday in London: "The opening of this office by De Beers Centenary further cements the relationship between the company and the Russian diamond industry and will help con-tribtue to its long-term stability".

Other political and commercial strides made by De Beers this decade include the agreement signed in December 1990 by De Beers with Endiama, the Angolan state diamond company, which embraced a \$50 million loan to help with development of alluvial diamond produc-tion from the Cuango area. Last May, De Beers Centenary renewed a five-year sales contract with Botswana.

Goldbelt Resources, a mining company based in Canada, was also Russiabound yesterday. It announced in Vancouver that it had advanced US\$500,000 as the first payment of a \$5 million commitment to Comptoir International Du Commerce to help develop minerals resources in Kazakhstan and

The minerals properties include a gold tailings deposit thought to contain 2.6 million ounces of gold, and a copper-silver deposit in eastern Russia believed to be one of the largest in the world.

From here on, ballet tickets in Moscow will be hard to come by.

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New York setback hits share prices

SHARE prices had another at 493p. The Japanese securivolatile day with investors closely watching events on Wall Street. An overnight setback of 30 points for the Dow Jones average prompted an early markdown among the leading shares in London.

London dealers have become increasingly cautious about New York, fearing a sharp correction in the wake of its recent strong run. There was little evidence of any selling by the small investor and a few buyers at the lower levels enabled the FT-SE 100 index to reduce a 22-point fall to just 4 points by midday.

However, several large lines of stock came on offer in late trading and another hesitant start on Wall Street left the index 21.4 points down at 2,522 by the close. A total of 515 million shares changed

Government securities continued to respond badly to this week's news of a new tap auction with prices at the longer end closing £15 lower.

MB-Caradon fell 4p to

269p as Cazenove, the broker, placed a line of 2 million shares. BT managed to reduce an early fall to just Ip at 315p as regulatory problems

Downgradings from No-mura knocked BP, down 7p at 286p, and Shell, 5p lower

ties house is concerned about lower oil prices and has cut its 1992 forecast for BP by £317 million to £598 million and for Shell by £525 million to £2.37 billion.

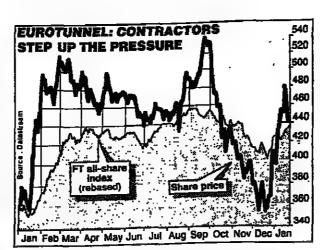
Morgan Crucible eased 1p to 257p as Hoare Govert, the broker, cut its forecast for last year by £4 million to £62 million and that for the current year by £8 million to £72 million. Hoare has also cut its estimate for Meyer International, unchanged at 401p, for this year.

Lcp, the debt-laden security and transport group, saw its price halve to 812p after the group issued a warning of further substantial write-offs.

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, slipped 7p to a low of 153p as another large line of stock went through the market - the second in as many weeks. Hoare Govett, the company's broker, placed 6.5 million shares at about 150p with various institutional

ADT, Michael Ashcroft's security and car auctions group, which continues to hold a near 30 per cent stake in Lep. lost 15p to 423p.

Eurotunuel touched 430p



there was no dispute between before recovering to close 12p cheaper at 443p after the the group and the American Food and Drug Administra-High Court gave the contraction after the withdrawal last tors working on the Channel year of two drugs from the tunnel permission to renew their threat to stop work. Transmanche Link was pre-American market because of production problems. The FDA published a critical revented by the court in December from stopping work in port on Fisons, raising quesorder to pursue a £160 miltions about some of its other lion claim for extra payments. The Appeal Court has now

There were setbacks for other drug companies, especially those quoted on Wall Street. Falls. were seen in SmithKline Beecham's A shares, 12p to 885p, and Glaxo 25p to 834p.

American investors now account for 765 million Glaxo shares, or 25.44 per cent of

Nominees. Wellcome was the only one to make headway. finishing 21p better at £10.76 as BZW reiterated its positive stance on the shares.

Louriso, the international trading group headed by Tiny Rowland, remained a nervous market, falling 11p to 154p before its full-year figures today, expected to show pre-tax profits down from £273 million to £255 million. There is also a question mark over the group's ability to maintain the divi-

On the bid front, BM, the construction group, fell 18p to 382p after making a rec-ommended offer, worth f41

Vodafone, the cellular telephone network operator, fell 8p to 348p. The group has been meeting analysts, having seen a large line of stock go through the market this reek. Hoare Govett spoke to the company on Monday and has cut its forecast for the current year by £15 million to £280 million.

million, for Thomas Robinson, the woodwork and fas-

tenings group.

BM is raising £58 million via a 4-for-21 rights issue to help finance the acquisition.

Roschaugh slipped 14p to 54p after the breakdown of merger talks with Stanhope. the USM-quoted property group, 1p lighter at 24p. They already have a joint-venture company, which has developed the Broadgate project in the City of London. Rosehaugh is highly geared and two years ago was forced to make a heavily discounted rights issue as part of a rescue

MEPC, the property devel-oper, fell 17p to 381p after its annual meeting at which a representative of Harry Hyams called for a poll on a resolution that would enable the company to increase the

Elsewhere in the property sector, USM-quoted Trevian rose 3p to 43p after receiving an agreed 45p-a-share offer from Frogmore Estates, 2p lower at 320p. The bid values Trevian at £4.95 million. Trevian saw its pre-tax losses fall from £423,000 to £341,000 in the first six

Midland & Scotlink, the USM-quoted oil exploration group, continued to lose ground, falling 4p to 34p after losing its its dispute with Trafalgar House, unchanged at 135p, over the Emerald. North Sea oil rig.

MICHAEL CLARK

Blue chips decline in late morning trading

New York - The trend in share prices became mixed in trading in the lase morning with the Dow Jones industrial average falling but the broad, market remaining firm. The Dow average slipped 6.39 points to 3,217.

☐ Hong Kong — Prices fin-ished at a fresh high in active trading despite profit taking in the afternoon after the

morning's surge.
The Hang Seng index rose 28.51 points to a record 4,550.72 after touching a

high of 4,564.33. ☐ Frankfurt — Shares recov☐ Sydney — The market end-ed sharply lower, amid fears about falls overseas and domestic economic issues. Brokers said that nervous

ered some ground after open-

ing weaker in the wake of the

collapse of last-ditch pay talks

in the German steel sector.

The Dax index ended at

1.680.10; down 5:19 points,

but above the day's low of

1,676.26.

investors held back after New York's overnight tumble. The all-ordinaries index closed 15.4 points lower at 1,631.5.

Nikkei bounces back

four-day run of declines to close at their day's highs in thin, choppy trading. The Nikkei index climbed 675.82 points, or 3.24 per cent, to 21,534.12. Turnover rose_to about 270 million shares, compared with 240 million shares on Tuesday.

Bargain hunting and short covering erased early de-clines, and hopes of easier credit helped to allay investors fears about the poor supply and demand situation.

by arbitrage unwinding. linked to a narrow spread with the March futures contract and continued institutional selling.

However, arbitrage buy programs and bargain huntng among blue-chip issues helped to reverse the decliner and, buoyed by strength in the futures market and the hopes of easier credit, the Nikkei index staged its biggest single day jump since January 6. (Reuter)

TOTAL TEMPUS

overturned the High Court

decision. The project should

heal its rift with the City

appears to have been only

partly successful with the

price ending 6p lower at 352p. Patrick Egan, the new

chairman, told analysts that

ending 6p lower at

An attempt by Fisons to

Greenalls brews a brighter long-term future

Peter Greenall are clearly identified as the force behind the newly streamlined and revamped Greenalls Group, so it is only fair that the longoverdue enfranchisement proposals should put them firmly in the driving seat.
What might seem less fair

is the market's grudging response to the news. Greenalls ordinary limited voting shares, after an initial knee-jerk jump of more than 10p, settled down to a rise of just 4p to 401p, despite the unexpected decision of the Greenall family to relinquish

In part, this is because the enfranchisement proposals, ily placing, will create earn-ings dilution of about 7 per cent on the limited voters, so the static share price masks an equivalent rise. However the view also exists that considerably more Greenalls paper is likely to reach the market in due course to fund expansion.

Mr Thomas, chairman and chief executive-elect, insists there are no immediate targets in view, and the market is not looking for an immediate rights issue. Gearing, even after the recent £20 million purchase of the Blayneys off-licence chain, is a comfortable 25 per cent.

However, Greenalls, hav-ing sold its Vladivar vodka brand and exited from brewing in 1990 - after concluding that it lacked the

HP BULMER is resigned to

losing the Perrier distribution

contract in Britain if Nestle's

£1.3 billion hostile takeover

bid for the French mineral

water company is successful.

chief executive, said yesterday

that Nestle would be certain

to take over distribution of

Perrier in Britain, using its

strategy in the event of the bid

succeeding. We have suffi-

cient time to plan for any

adverse impact it may have,"

Bulmer, which was award-

ed the Perrier contract in

1979, does not disclose how

much it earns from mineral

water distribution but is

known to derive most of its

income from sales of Strong-

bow and Woodpecker cider,

which are owned by the

Perrier sales plummeted in

he said.

company.

We have got a long-term

existing supply network.

John Rudgard, Bulmer's

necessary size to make a go of either — now wants to build up the off-licence side and the catering and budget inns, while taking advantage of any decent public houses that come on the market as the big brewers slim down. There are also opportunities in hotels, through the De Vere country house brand.

Greenails has largely avoided the traps that have ensnared some of the other regional brewers over the regional prevers over the past few years. John Walters of Smith New Court, the broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £71 million in the current year, excluding property gains, which puts the shares on a forward multiple Of 13.5. Thus is a de rating that promises little in the short term, although on a longer view the shares will not lack support.

BM Group THE BM Group, as a distrib-

utor of heavy construction equipment, should, by rights. be on its knees. Instead, the beginning of 1992 finds it confidently bidding £41 mil-lion for Thomas Robinson. the loss-making miniconglomerate, and launching a £60 million rights issue. Last October, while others stumbled or fell, BM reported a 48 per cent rise in

pre-tax profits to E34.1 million and a 31 per cent increase in the total

Bulmer could lose

Perrier contract

By Martin Barrow

The latest flurry of activity,

1990 after stocks were with-

drawn from shelves because

of a benzene contamination

scare and have never fully

recovered despite extensive

Bulmer also distributes

In the six months to the end

Bulmer's cider has benefit-

ed from the restructuring of

the brewing industry in re-

sponse to the monopolies

commission report, which re-

leased public house tenants

from buying their brewery's

Attempts to acquire other

cider brands, including

Babycham, which Allied-Ly-

ons wants to sell. have en-

countered regulatory difficul-

ties because of monopoly

of October, Bulmer increased

taxable profits from £8.1 mil-

Buxton and Volvic mineral

water, both of which are

marketing campaigns.

owned by Perrier.

lion to £9.1 million.

own cider.



Dividend held: Geoff Gahan of Newman Tonks

which includes an as-yet unspecified Canadian acquisition comes just 15 months after BM paid £55 million for Blackwood Hodge, the earthmoving equipment manufacturer.
The remarkable Roger

Shute, BM's chairman, is travelling fast. Thomas Robinson's shareholders are

L&C falls

45% to

£1.82m

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

LONDON & Clydeside Holdings, the Glasgow

housebuilder that operates

exclusively in Scotland, un-

veiled a 45 per cent slump in

The USM-quoted com-

pany, which issued a profits

warning last August, saw pre-

tax profits fall to £1.82 mil-

lion (£3.31 million) in the year

to end-September, on turn-

over of £21.4 million (£20.8 million). Norman Chalmers,

chairman, blamed the fall on

difficult conditions in the

Operating profits slipped

from £4.01 million to £3.36

million, but interest pay-

ments were £1.54 million

(£706,000), affected by site

acquisitions and the retention

of an investment property.

Earnings slide to 14.9p

(24.5p) per share, but the

final dividend is maintained

at 5.2p, making an un-

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

IN NEW YORK

changed total of 7p.

Scottish housing market.

Holdings,

ull-year profits.

unlikely to be among those unlikely to be among muse questioning whether he is, perhaps, moving too fast. Thomas Robinson's share-holders received an offer 118 per cent above the suspension price.

However, there must be a little more doubt for BM's shareholders, although Mr Shute should settle many of

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE American subsidiary of

AIB Group, Ireland's leading

bank, continues to defy the

recession in the financial ser-

vices industry by reporting record profits, while its com-

First Maryland Bancorp

increased net profits 72 per

cent to \$75.1 million last

year. In the final quarter of

the year, it reported earnings

of \$23.9 million, compared

The rise was achieved via a

fall in bad debt provisions

and right cost control. Jerry

Casey, First Maryland chair-

man, said he was pleased con-

sidering the economic prob-

lems the East Coast of Amer-

ica is suffering. "We worked

as a team to maintain the

bank's well-being," he said. First Maryland has avoid-

ed most of the bad property

loans affecting its rivals. As a

result, its bad debt reserves

with \$1.5 million in 1990.

petitors plunge into losses.

First Maryland

profit leaps 72%

Robinson clearly in for the same vig-ourous pruning, although Roy Barber, the company doctor, cleared much of the ay last October with a £12.6 million redundancy and eorganisation provision.

Nevertheless, Mr Shute believes annual savings of about E7 million are obtainable at a modest one-off cost. Immediately after the 4-for-21 rights issue, which pays of Thomas Robinson's debts and covers the cost of the Canadian expansion, BM's gearing will drop to 45 per cent, and by the June year end a ratio of 35 per cent pre-tax profits of £46 million. BM's shares closed at 382p, 5p below the theoretical ex-rights price. With an issue price of 330p, existing shareholders should have

ers may feel happier waiting for the interim statement. Newman Tonks

few problems in taking up their entitlement. New buy-

NEWMAN Tonks Group's investment rating as an income stock is confirmed by the maintained total dividend payment of 9.3p a share for the year to end-October, during which pre-tax, profits fell from £23.2 million to £15.1 million and earnings per share from 15.35p to 9.56p.

However, the shares could

Casey: teamwork

are only \$204 million. The

figures are in contrast to the

\$372 million loss for 1991 at

NatWest Bancorp, National

Westminster's American sub-

sidiary and the \$457 million

ioss at Citicorp, America's

biggest bank. AIB bought

First Maryland in 1983 and

it has been one of the best

acquisitions ever made by a

European bank in America.

now start to attract a following for their capital growth prospects after the acquisition of two companies one makes high quality tim-ber doors, to which NT products can be attached. and the other company com-plements the Norwegian op-erations and could prove the gateway to the rest of

Shapland & Petter Holdings of Barnstaple is being bought for £13.41 million and Meller & Auster will cost E5.5 million. A placing of 12.99 million shares at 145p each, with clawback pro-visions, to raise a net £17.89 million was made yesterday. The acquisitions should enpled with rationalisation measures taken last year that include a workforce stummed down by 699 people. NT is set for higher profits this

Last year was tough and. volume fell, though gross marging were maintained. There is a hint that the refurbishment business is picking up, so perhaps Newman Tonks, where Geoff Ga-han is the group chief exec-utive, will be seen to have bought at the bottom of the cycle. There could be further non-core asset disposals this year, and more acquisitions on the Continent.

Pre-tax profits of £20.5 million this year are possible, to put the shares at 155p on 13.8 times earnings, backed by an 8 per cent yield.

Mountleigh results delayed

By MATTHEW BOND

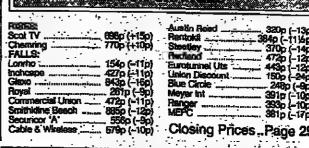
MOUNTLEIGH, the debtladen property group, will within a week, a company spokesman said yesterday. Sir lan MacGregor, chairman, is currently recovering from heart surgery in America, and his absence has caused problems in the drafting of a chairman's statement.

The Mountleigh board will also be hoping that the delay to be accompanied by confir-

will enable the interim figures mation that the Merry Hill shopping centre in the West Midlands has been sold. Rumours that Merry Hill has been sold have been

circulating for several weeks. although the reported price of around £120 million is well below the £150 million that Mountleigh hoped to achieve when it placed the property on the market last year.

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Announcement

of Macnair Mason with effect from 1st January 1992 and Mr Richard Gethin-Jones has joined the Firm as a Consultant. The combined practice will be known as Macnair Mason and will

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Gethin-Jones and Commany have merged their practice with that

SALOMON Brothers has guaranteed minimum salaries and also bonuses of between 20 and 25 per cent to stem staff defections.

The investment bank has paid lower bonuses for last year, but equity staff, who have been at the forefront of the resignations, fear Salo-

Salomon guarantees pay to stop staff defections mon is about to push its equities business aside in favour of the more lucrative

profits are too high.

bond operations.

in a year when most Wall Street firms have recorded near record profits, Salomon lost \$30 million in the final three months of last year and has warned Wall Street that its expectations for full-year

Salomon has lost four top

research analysts in the past other members of the team few weeks, among them decided to stay with us. We will continue to meet the equi-Thomas Hanley, with 23 years' experience and ranked ty needs of our customers." its best banking analyst for Sources close to the bank

say it needs to pay a premium the past eight years. Mr Hanley and his team to keep its staff after uncerwere due to go to First Bostainties over punishment it is ton, but Salomon persuaded likely to receive for unlawful the team to stay, while disacts in Treasury bond aucmissing Mr Hanley. tions last year. The bank is A spokesman for Salomon also fighting a poaching war on Wall Street. said: "We are happy that the

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Rosehaugh runs out of options

odfrey Bradman, a star of the property world for much of the Eighties, has joined the ranks of far less clever men who failed to see the end of the boom and the depths of the slump that was to follow. The final collapse of the longrunning merger talks with Stanhope, its partner in a number of prestigious developments, leaves Mr

Bradman in the hands of his bankers.

For Rosehaugh, an off-the-shelf tea company bought by Mr Bradman in 1979, the writing has been on the wall for some time.

The merger with Stanhope looked at first like a natural development of the partnership which gave rise to the Broadgate development, at London's Liverpool Street station: Ludgate Place, by St Pauls; and King's Cross, the most ambitious of the lot. It soon became fraught though, with Bradman and Stuart Lipton, the conservative founder of

Stanhope, failing to agree as the talks wore on.

A deal failed to emerge before Rosehaugh reported massive losses of £227 million last December. That followed a loss of £165 million the previous year and Mr Bradman stepped down to take the role of vice-chairman.

While Mr Lipton concentrated his efforts on a few large developments backed by Olympia & York, his 33 per cent stakeholder, Rosehaugh spread itself thinly in a welter of diversified operations. Many of these have now been tidied up. But in Stanhope's view, following the refinancing of some of the joint ventures with Rosehaugh, the attractions of the remaining diversified activities have become severely limited.

The banks have a keen interest in supporting Rosehaugh which owes them around £300 million. But for shareholders, the worst property slump since the war has put paid to hopes of a decent return on their investment in Rosehaugh.

Fisons rebuilds

isons' meeting with pharmaceutical analysts yesterday was replete lysts yesterday was replete with ironies. Much of the City displeasure that led to the departure of John Kerridge, whose long record of success finally turned sour last year, was linked to perceived poor communications. But yesterday's get-together, claimed by analysts to be the first for five years, was arranged before Mr Kerridge's departure even though he was not personally expected to make the presentation.

Patrick Egan, having just stepped in as executive chairman, none the less took his chance to show that he was firmly in charge of Ipswich's proudest ship and to announce the meeting

The planned upbeat presentation of two potentially significant post-1995 drugs, one in Fisons asthma/allergy mainstream and the other for epilepsy and stroke control inevitably paied before immediate concerns over Fisons' problems with America's Food and Drug Administration. production facilities for exports of Opticrom and Imferon, whose absence from America is largely repsonsible for the anticipated fall in Fisons's profits from £230 million to about £190 million.

All this reassurance pushed Fisons shares up 2p, but that did not last long and they ended the day op down at 352p. Still, Mr Egan has made a start at mending fences. The message to other successful companies is quite clear: do not rely on good results to speak for themselves. Even the best managements have lapses and that is when they need friends in the City. Otherwise, shareholders: bear the price of arrogant management in the exaggerated stock market impact of bad news.

How the TSB learned to see errors of its ways

Rodney Hobson

reports on one bank's reaction when it found

that a quarter of its staff time was spent on correcting mistakes

ir Peter Walters, chairman of Midland Bank, surprised fellow members of the Institute of Directors last month by admitting that customers had been right to criticise banks for poor service or "unacceptable customer care". This did not, however, come as a surprise to Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of TSB Group, who identified an alarming problem at the TSB Bank and decided to do something about it two years ago. While three of the bank's employees were getting on with their jobs, a fourth was clearing up the mess. To change that, the retail banking and insurance arm of the TSB Group is sending its 28,000 staff for training to improve quality of service for its 7

Not that TSB is any worse than the rest of the financial services sector or, indeed. British industry in general. Jim Roy, the man brought to TSB's London headquarters from Edinburgh to mastermind its quality programme, says: "We estimate that 25 per cent of staff time is wasted on rechecking other people's work and correcting mistakes. I know of one financial services company that spends 70 per cent of its total costs on fire-fighting.

"Industry is the same. German car manufacturers make cars that are just as bad as any made in Britain and the inspectors sort the problems out so that in the end the cars are perfect. The Japanese manufacture cars without faults in the first place. They don't believe in

inspection and correction.
"It is much more efficient and more profitable to find where the faults are occurring than to put them right later."

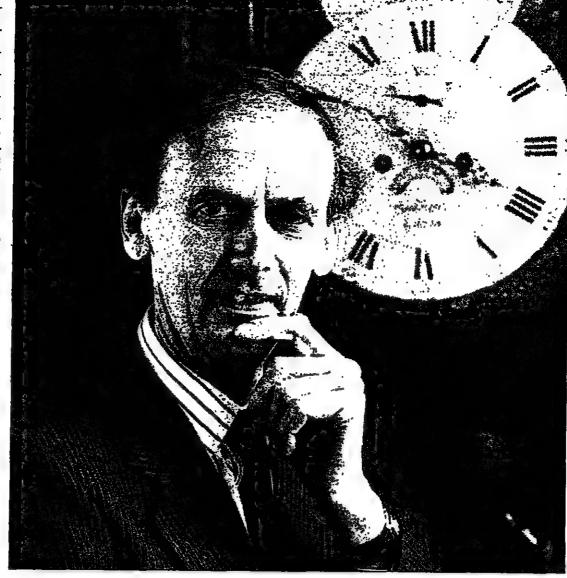
Peter Ellwood, chief executive of retail banking at TSB, took the initiative to set up the scheme and went on the first course himself. TSB is spending £20 million on the initistive, described by Mr Roy as "organised common sense". The team of trainers will move to Birmingham when the TSB Bank

head office moves there next month.

The bank believes that with all banks and building societies offer-ing a wide range of products, com-petition has to be based on who offers the best service.

Mr Roy admits: "Compared with retailers of consumer goods, such as Sainsbury's or Marks and Spencer. banks have been slow to change, to recognise that consumers have become much more sophisticated. That applies to banks across the world, not just in Britain."

Training began in June last year and will be completed by early 1993. The TSB training centre has had to cope with 1,000 senior managers on a series of four-day courses.
The next level of management has



Time is money: Sir Nicholas Goodison found TSB bank staff were making too many mistakes

attended weekly seminars on a geographic basis over a ten-week period interspersed with work assignments. while, at branch level, staff went through six weekly sessions.

It may be too early to judge the effects of the scheme, but Sir Nicholas reported an unexpectedly strong 17 per cent rise in the retail bank's profits to £413 million for the year to end-October when he announced last week that the group as a whole had plunged into losses. Much of that improvement is put down to reorganisation over the past two years, however, and not just to the quality initiative.

Mr Roy says: "We wanted to get tion box. You might find the occasional idea in the tin but they were barely worth pursuing. In any case, it is often too much to ask of people to come up with ideas when they are trying to get on with their jobs.

We are building a mechanism that will enable every employee to say there is an obstacle here preventing me from doing my job. We will find the problem, put in a temporary solution and remove the root cause." TSB Bank will measure its success by monitoring the reduction of dissatisfaction among customers and measuring discontent as compared

with the level of complaints against

rivals. First, a group of the bank's customers was brought together for a general moan session; then a wider cross section came in for individual interviews on specific grouses and needs. Finally, questionnaires, to be repeated annually, asked what priorities customers thought the bank should have and how they rated TSB's performance. TSB has conducted similar surveys of other banks' customers.

Mr Roy says: "Staff themselves will measure their own progress. The programme will generate its own momentum by removing the hassle from their work. They will want to be part of the scheme, to whirl of things."

he TSB Group claims that no other financial company in Europe has given anything approaching the commitment to "total quality management": it says action is needed because research shows that a significant number of customers who leave banks and building societies do so because they are dissatisfied with the service they receive. Others simply put up with the service because they do not feel they will do any better elsewhere. Pilot studies have already identified areas where service could be readily improved. These include speeding up credit card applications, reducing direct debit errors and avoiding the shock of unexpected charges appearing on bank

Mr Roy says: "We want to make sure that our charges are just as plain to the customer as when he goes into a shop to buy a video recorder. You know that the retailer is not selling at cost. He has got to make a profit to survive. Banks also make charges to make a profit."

Even tiny nuisances can waste a disproportionate amount of time. TSB displayed in all branches a bank's buying rate in column one and the selling rate in column two. Every day a computer printout in each branch gave the selling rate in column one and the buying rate in column two.

Transposing the two columns every day in the branches gave rise to errors, to the annoyance of curromers.

Mr Paul thinks customers ought to complain more if they do not get the service they want. He says: "I would encourage them to complain. If we do not know what is making them unhappy how are we going to change things?

Germany finds a friend in Denmark

he Bundesbank's much criticised decision to tighten the monetary reins just before Christmas has a strong ally in Denmark. According to Erik Hoffmeyer, the Danish chairman of the European Community's committee of central bank governors, the decision was the Germans' only option.

Mr Hoffmeyer, governor of the Danish central bank for 27 years, told The Times that he not only thinks Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, has been doing the right thing, but also that there is a consensus among central bankers about the German policy.

Given the high rates of growth Germany has experienced, wage demands in double digits, and inflation above 4 per cent, he said "the Bundesbank had no other choice".

Mr Hoffmeyer said some countries argue that they do not have an inflation problem. "The consequence of that argument is that they don't care about inflation," he said. He saw the difficulty for Germany, in the context of progress towards European monetary union, was the fact that its stability-consciousness was still higher than in most other

For other countries to convince the Bundesbank of their anti-inflationary credentials clearly remained a problem. Mr Hoffmeyer said. "How long do you have to have been behaving well to prove that it is really your objective?"

Although Denmark has already achieved the economic conditions to allow it to move to monetary union. Mr Hoffmeyer is clearly sceptical about whether countries now displaying virtuous policies and results will necessarily sustain the perfor-mance, hence his support for Dr Schlesinger's stance.

he debate in Copenhagen about economic integration was long dominated by fears that tiny Denmark would be swamped by neighbouring Germany, Europe's economic power house. In fact, Mr Hoffmeyer said, house. In fact, Mr monnieyer same, such anxieties proved unrealistic. "We have only gained," he said categorically. The Danish government has nevertheless decided to call two referendums on EMU. Though the Danish central bank will have to be given legal independence in the run up to EMU, it is effectively independent of government already.

Despite Danish inflation running less than half that of Germany, Mr Hoffmeyer does not appear disturbed by the fact that Danish interest rates remain a touch higher than in Germany. He considers it too much to expect "instant" closing of the rate gap as soon as a country undershoots German inflation.

He wants Denmark to be in the first wave of countries irrevocably fixing exchange rates. "We would be willing and interested in moving ahead fast," he said. "And if you want to move fast it is inevitable that there will be two groups."

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Don't ring

HARD pressed staff at JP Morgan, the American in-vestment bank planning to make markets in UK equities by the middle of this year - it gained membership of the Stock Exchange last week have been inundated with CVs from redundant brokers. Hoping to cool their enthusiasm, John Hompe, head of corporate communications. says that of the 20 or so jobs in London this is likely to create — increasing its staff from 45 to 65 — 15 will be filled internally. There are a lot of good candidates around at the moment, so it is hard to close the cheque book entirely," he said, adding that the stocks in which it will initially make markers "will be closer to a dozen than any larger. number". One external vacancy has been filled. John Monnery resigned on Tuesday as deputy head of trading at Hoare Govett to become a UK market-maker at JP Morgan. Monnery, aged 28, admits to feeling "a bit sad" at leaving Hoare Govett after more than seven years.

Putnam's tiger

JONATHAN Custance Baker, one of the City's old guard. ~ is back in his old haunts after a six-month absence. He has returned to help Putnam, one of America's most powerful fund management houses, build up its list of chents in cheque book. He has signed Britain and on the Continent;a drive which may lead to joint ventures or acquisitions in France and Germany. either in money, people or ex-pertise, nor is there a lack of



Baker, aged 42, who stepped down as head of James Capel's unit trust operations last hme. An army officer-turned shipbroker, he joined GT in 1981, and spent three years in San Francisco setting up a range of funds for the investment group. But he is best remembered for an episode in November 1989 when he posed with a tiger to publicise the launch of a Far Eastern unit trust. "The trainer stood just out of frame waving pieces of meat at it," says Custance Baker. He starts as managing director of European Business Development for Putnam on February 1, and leaves soon after for a sixweek spell in its Boston, Massachusetts, headquarters.

BZW stocks up BILL Smith, head of research at BZW, has been out and about with his corporate -up Howard Seymour from UBS Phillips & Drew, a building materials analyst ranked fifth in the Extel There is no lack of resources | league table, to fill a vacancy created last summer when Mark Stockdale left for SG commitment, says Custance Warburg. And he has also

netted Andrew Benson from Robert Fleming to boost BZW's chemicals team, a critical move since the firm

lists ICI as a dient. Benson will assist Oliver Fear, who moves up a notch internally to become BZW's lead chemicals analyst. Fear, who is a chartered accountant, similarly assisted Jinty Price for five years when she led the BZW chemicals team, until her departure in December last year, before the birth of her second child — which is due in the spring.

MOST inappropriate meta-phor of the week? A report on Thames TV claims that, compared with the huge debts accumulated by the late Rob-ert Maxwell, the proceeds from the auction of fixtures and fittings at his luxury London penthouse would be "a drop in the ocean."

Cash and carry out AGGRESSIVE? Tense? No appetite? If so, it is time to slow down before stress gets the better of you. Realising that stress is likely to affect just about everyone who works in the Square Mile, a

Worcestershire businessman has launched a package to help sufferers monitor themselves before it is too late. Andrew Nicholls, who set up Britain's first Cash and Carry for builders and now runs a rest centre for stressed-out vicars near Redditch, hopes to show brokers, bankers and analysts how to cope with their frenetic lifestyles. "The package is to make people more aware of stress," says a spokesman for Stress Check. Cold, sweaty handshakes are the ones to watch out for."

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

Challenging compensation From Dr Maurice rector had resigned of his

Gillibrand, Sir. Irrespective of the merits or otherwise of the particular justification for the payment of over half a million pounds to the former Chief Executive of Granada (January 15), is it not time that such a distribution of shareholders funds should be challenged by shareholders?

Section 312 of the Companies Act 1985 states that it is unlawful to make any payment by way of compensation without the proposed payment "being disclosed to members of the company and the proposal being approved by the company".

Almost invariably, it is eu-

phemistically stated that the director has "resigned" when, in fact, his contract has been terminated by the board. In the majority of cases the board consists of the same people who made the appointment in the first place. Nevertheless, the concept is promoted that the compensation is justified in order to avoid expensive litigation. However, if in fact the di-

to the unexpired part of his contract. It is equally unlikely that a similar amount would be awarded if the board had terminated the contract for good reasons, such as failure to properly discharge the change in business strategy. in which compensation would be justified. The real issue is that at present the maximum compensation is paid whatever the circumstances, which is hardly an incentive for good perfor-

own volition, it is extremely

doubtful that a court would

award an amount equivalent

The unfortunate aspect of this situation is that although Section 312 of the Companies Act appears to have been designed to protect shareholders' funds, the automatic acquiescence of shareholders has mulified these provisions. Yours faithfully, MAURICE GILLIBRAND.

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Slough (come friendly bombs? - J Betjeman) imply

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Old Etonian smiling through adversity

From Mr R. Newiss

Sir. In your report on the Lloyd's results you refer to the chairman as 'an old Etonian'! Today we have a photograph of the chairman of the TSB who. I believe, also anended that institution, and Don McCrickard, chief executive, both smiling and apparently full of joy about achieving a write-off of £654m and a pretax loss of £47m.

The extent of the losses at Lloyd's beggars description! What message are your readers supposed to get from

market and affecting prices.

large section of the private sector forests is already for sale, sometimes for less than was paid for the bare land prior to planting some 5 to 10 years ago. Buyers are few and The main reson for this is the 1988 Budget which took forestry out of income tax

altogether. Most Brits investing in trees did so because they will do anything to cheat the taxman (legitimately) but the discipline of growing trees interests only a few. Low, world-wide timber prices and the recession in the UK have done the rest. The most likely purchasers

of the Forestry Commission are the timber users, such as sawmills and pulpmills.

Sale long overdue

Sir, The privatisation of the

Forestry Commission is obvi-

ously long overdue. The state

enterprise sells 70% of home

grown timber, distorting the

However, who will buy it? A

From Mr F. Karthaus

The single ownership of 50 per cent of the forests in the hands of any one private operator and especially the ultimate timber user, would make life very difficult for the remaining 50 per cent whose ownership is widely spread. Any marketing or buying of timber by woodland owner or independent sawmill respectively, would be at the mercy of this operator.

Up to 5 years ago the Forestry Commission could have been sold piecemeal as capital was available and investors willing. This boat has been missed but a future sale should endeavour to achieve wide ownership, even if this means slower disposal.

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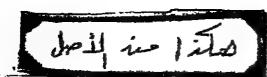
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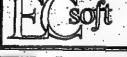
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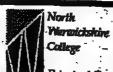
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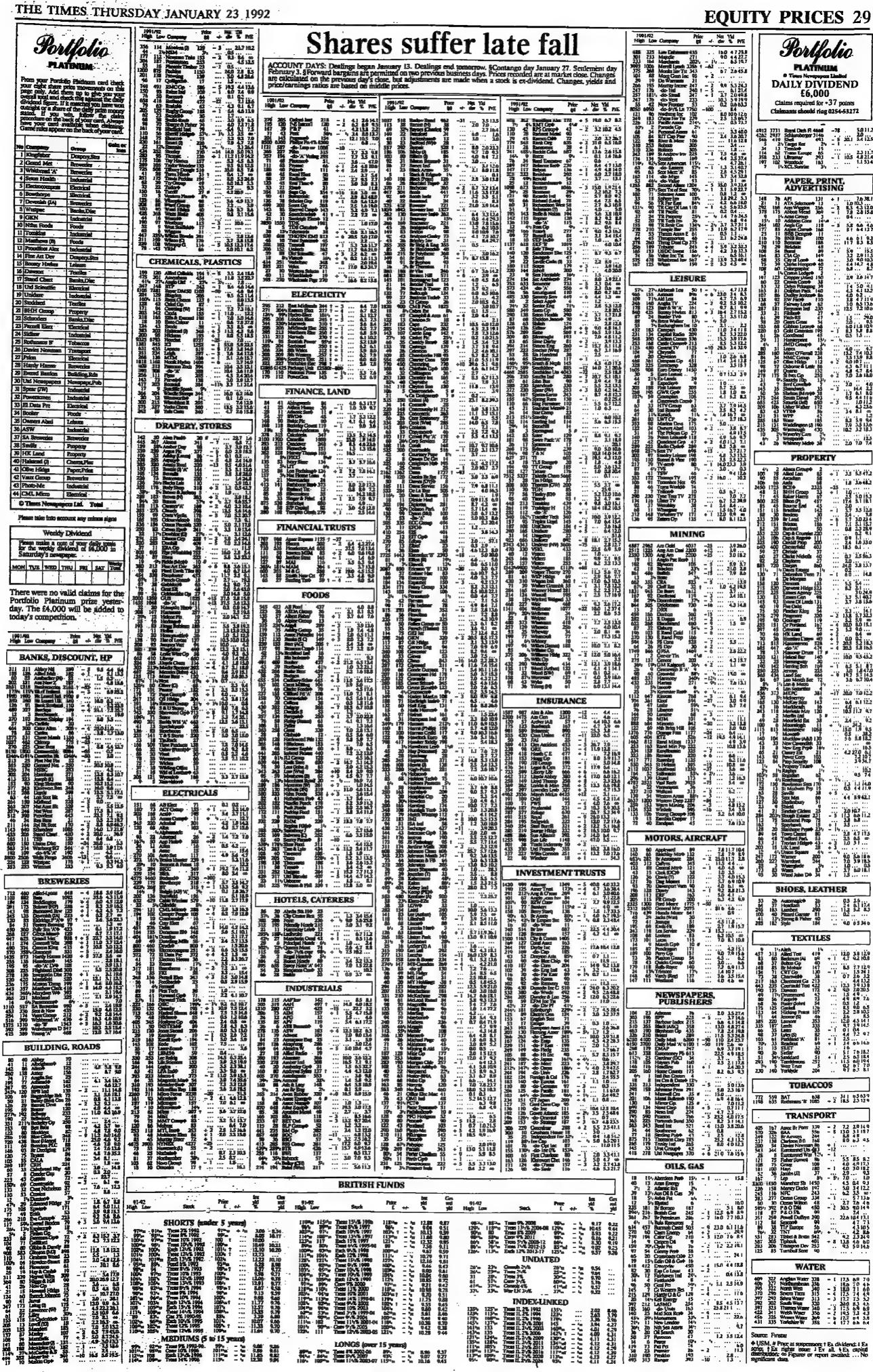
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Fitness enthusiasts increasingly prefer to exercise at home. Nicole Swengley looks at the latest equipment on offer

way to keep fit. According to the Henley Centre for Forecasting, the trend towards individual workouts is likely to continue and Mintel, a research company, reports that the homeuse fitness equipment market has grown by almost 50 per cent during the past five years.

Greater use of multi-gyms (all-

in-one units for a range of exercises) and weight-training equipment such as benches and free weights account for most of the increase, although sales of exercise bikes and rowing ma-chines still represent nearly 60 per cent of overall sales.

Sophie Bolton, the marketing manager for Bolton Stirland, dis-tributors of Tunturi equipment and a leader in the bicycle and rowing machine market says: "People are fed up with driving to a gym where parking is not always easy. Obviously, our home use equipment is not as sophisticated as that in gyms, but it is smaller. lighter and can be easily moved

and stored.

"A lot of health clubs have Tunturi equipment, however, so people become familiar with it and want to use it at home."

New Tunturi machines such as

xercising at home is fast becoming the fashionable the E603 air-resistance cycle, cost-ing £350. C401 Stepper, £230. ing £350, C401 Stepper, £230; and MT311 multi-gym, £573, are competing well with favourites such as the £211 Family and Super exercise bike, £145.95, and \$501 maning machine £226 with R501 rowing machine, £326, with

electronic console.

Harrods, which stocks Tunturi (and is offering 10 per cent off all fitness equipment until Saturday) confirms that Tuntur's C401 stepper and E405 exercise bike are bestsellers. Electronic joggers, such as Tunturi's J502, are gaining popularity, despite an £1,850 price tag. The Tunturi Ski Fit, £474, and Schwinn XR10 crosscountry ski machine for £450 are also selling well.

It is a similar story at the 200 Olympus Sports nationwide outlets, where the machines include the Tunturi E404 Ergometer exercise bike, £285, the Family Super and the £401 Stepper, Kettler's Manta bike, £129, and Kettler's Variant multi-exerciser, £150.

The growth in the home fitness equipment market is complementary, rather than detrimental, to health club membership, according to David Giampaolo, the managing director of London's Espree club, which is opening a second London site this year and another

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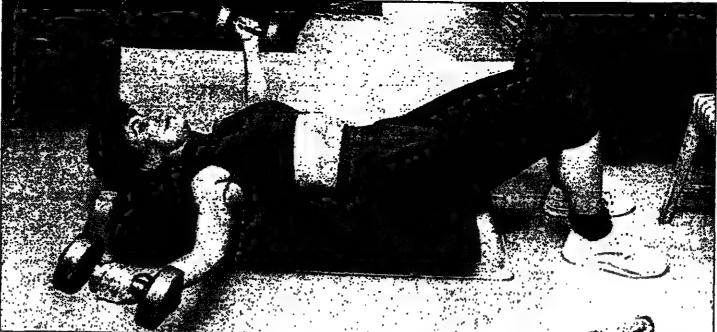
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Carol Hampton, who runs a home-fitness firm: "Our typical client is female, fat and 40 — although we also have male clients"

He says: "Home equipment encourages people to exercise regu-larly. Clubs see a spin-off from

He urges enthusiasts to seek professional advice. "Buying unsuitable equipment can be a costly mistake. It is better to pay for a single guest visit to Espree to try our equipment and talk to experts about what to buy. This is especially important for anybody who has been unwell or suffered an injury."

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Tony Lycholat, a sports scientist. agrees that it is essential to buy quality equipment. "Look on it as a long-term investment," he says. "Cheap machines tend not to be adjustable for size and will fall apart. Make sure you have the space to leave equipment set up. Unless it is ready to use, you will

not bother." With the trend away from traditional rowers and exercise bicydes, manufacturers are devising

Sports International retains two inventors to develop patented concepts such as the Dyn-a-Step £59.95, an adjustable free-stepper. The Pull Gym £159 offers all the classic barbell exercises for a weights-free workout and the Trike-Ro £69.95 facilitates rowing in an elevated position.

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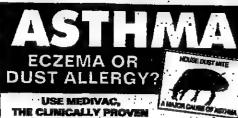
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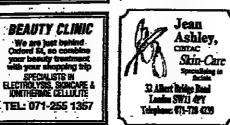
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New faces shine in the Australian Open

Ferreira ends the McEnroe dream

Ferreira: no nerves

grand slam quarter-final. Far

"I wasn't really surprised how easy it was," Ferreira said. "I started off very well

and gained a lot of confi-

dence. I think I simply hit the

The closure of the roof on

the main court at Flinders

Park did not help McEnroe's

cause. If he had known that

the best win of the South

African's brief career had

come against Lendl indoors

in Sydney last October, he

might have made a stronger

case for playing with the roof

But by the time he had

realised the change in atmo-

sphere and weight of the balls, it was too late. "I had a

very different feeling from the

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McEnroe was chasing shad-

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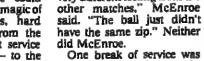
FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

THE fantasy factory could not conjure one more storyline from the John McEnroe archives. Instead, it provided a glimpse of tomorrow's world, with two new faces replacing well-worn figures in the frame for the semifinals of the Australian Open.

Out went McEnroe and Ivan Lendl, in came Richard Krajicek and Wayne Ferreira. leaving the rankings of the semi-finalists strangely unbalanced: Stefan Edberg (No. 1) v Ferreira (46), and Jim Courier (2) v Kraiicek (45). A repeat of the United States Open final is the most likely outcome but it would be unwise to bet on it. Even Michael Stich found

to his cost that time waits for no man, not even a Wimbledon champion. He was beaten by Krajicek in much the same way he defeated Edberg in the Wimbledon semi-final - in two tie-breaks and with a mere three breaks of service spread over 58 games and 3hr 35min. "It was like playing an image of myself," Stich said. Unfortunately, the

image won. McEnroe's end was the one most had feared would come against Becker. Giving away 12 years, McEnroe could summon none of the magic of his earlier victories, hard though he tried. From the first point - a first service rammed past him — to the last, he was outhit by Ferreira, aged 20, who showed absolutely no sign of RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE



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seemed happy to have replaced the memory of his default two years ago with something more positive.

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I would rather lose than win a title and behave badly." he said. "I think I can leave here with my head held high," he added. In probably his last visit to Australia, he behaved impeccably. Maybe the leopard is changing its spots after all.

Krajicek's growing maturity was reflected in his recovery from 2-1 down to become the first Dutch grand slam semifinalist since Tom Okker at Wimbledon in 1978. In similar circumstances at the US Open last year, Krajicek reached match point against Lendi before falling apart from fatigue.

Yesterday, he was also tired after playing a four-set dou-bles the previous day but held himself together to win 5-7, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. "I was determined that what happened at the US Open would not occur again," he said.

Krajicek uses haptotherapy, a method of relaxing the body using touch. But Stich must be uncomfortably aware that Krajicek's massive service will pose even more problems on the centre court in June. He hardly touched it

Edberg's defeat of Lendl began to bear an uncanny resemblence to their semifinal last year, when the Swede served a double-fault on match point before losing in five sets. This time, the top seed made no mistake, though Lendi led him a merry dance before, crucially, dropping his service for the first time when serving for a twoset lead.

His confidence drained away quickly after that setback and, though he rallied to take the fourth set, he had no answer when Edberg raised his game once more.

counts, were superior. Amos Mansdorf was just Yours faithfully, MIKE FOXALL short of ideas and firepower against Courier. As McEnroe Dayspring, Shady Lane, so aptly put it earlier in the Bromley Cross... week, the well was dry. Bolton, Lancashire.

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keeping it out of your own.

Possession, pressure, aggres-

sion may all be commend-able, but when fruitless, they

There was one piece of

matchless skill when Giggs, at full speed, crossed an inch-

perfect ball to Hughes, who

completed the seemingly sim-

pler part of the operation.

Despite all Leeds's efforts,

they could not match the

effectiveness of Manchester,

who, by the only measure that

do not indicate superiority.

plete superiority."

"a night of unremitting ill

wind and weather conthey capsize because of hitting some of the ever present Captains and coaches of rubbish and flotsam floating every club along the Tideway on, or just below, the surface. could send out scullers and Having coached, rowed rowers of all abilities, with the

confidence that they knew where to be on the river and the places where they could safely cross and turn. Of course, accidents still did occur, but these were usually only collisions with other similar craft users and generally at the turn of the tide, where there is always doubt which way the tide is flowing (it

aged from encouraging my children and friends to partake in a sport, which up to now I have always considered a means of great enjoyment as well as relatively safe. If, as I fear, a serious accident does occur in the near future because of this new rule, I trust the PLA will honour its responsibility.

Coach, dents is greatly increased, especially if, as often happens

From Mr Thomas Hunter True superiority Sir. I cannot believe how From Mr M. Foxall From Mr P. Chapman: Sir. In his report on the FA Cup tie between Leeds United and Manchester United (Jan-

Stuart Jones could write (January 15) that the best option for Leeds United could be to omit Lee Chapman for the third match against Manchester United after he had produced such a brilliant performance in the League match at Hillsborough the previous Sunday.

Jones referred to the "shadow of Gary Pallister" hindering Chapman's progress. A further study of the second match against Manchester United would show that Chapman's problem had more to do with poor service from his colleagues and less with shadows.

The service was much improved in the Sheffield maich, in which Chapman scored three goals. Then, in the final Manchester United match, bad luck brilliant saves, illegitimate tackling and subsequent injury prevented Chapman scoring.

Yours faithfully. THOMAS HUNTER, Gray's Inn Residences, Langton Close, Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

and sculled on the Tideway for more than 25 years, I have tried the new rule, and on three outings have encountered serious difficulties. It seems that the PLA has brought into effect a ruling which might reduce minor collisions, but is it worth it at the cost of increasing the

I will certainly be discour-

Yours sincerely, M. MINALE.

Tideway Scullers School. Dukes Meadow, Chiswick, W4. through no fault of their own,

Golden silence

Sir, I fully agree with Henry Kelly (January 15) that the second commentator at football matches is superfluous, but I would go further: most of the time the first commentator is not required.

I regard a televised footballmatch as though I had a good seat in the stands, with facilities for showing me more than I would see if I were actually there. I can turn the sound off, but one then loses the crowd atmosphere. Yours faithfully,

CHAPMAN 15 Lime Kiln Road, Tackley, Oxfordshire.

From Mr John Ainsworth Sir, Henry Kelly asks when we started having a second. commentator on televised football and wallows in the nostalgia of Kenneth Wolstenholme in "sole charge" in 1966. I suggest he has another listen to that commentary to hear the additional comments of Wally Barnes. Yours faithfully, JOHN AINSWORTH, 76 Romulus Court, Brentford Dock, Middlesex.

Dooley let off lightly

From Mr D. R. Altken Sir, Unlike the referee and touch judges at Murrayfield, I had the benefit of the television replays showing the English No. 5 Dooley's strong-arm tactics on Weir's neck and his boot on Smith's head. I do not believe they were accidental, and what

has been taken to task. It is to be hoped that the Rugby Football Union or the International Board will look at the television evidence and act. Either of these incidents.

astonishes me is how little he

Ball in hand

Sir. For the past 18 years I have stoically endured Gallic scorn heaped on British rugby teams for their apparent

three defenders;

English 22 with men outside

From Mr.R. H. Edwards Sir, Alam Carminati, the former French flanker, has been permitted to play sugby union once again after a spell of rugby league. Why not Rugby union is an entirely different code to that of rugby.

should remain an amateur -

were they to occur in the street, would almost certainly result in police action.

Perhaps it would help to improve the image of the game if their perpetrator, himself an upholder of the law, were to face a thoroughgoing investigation by the Lothian and Borders Police" .

Yours faithfully. D. R. AITKEN, Parkhill. Dvce.

Abertleen

From Mr Peter Horsey

inability to:
1. run and pass the ball correctly, i.e. the pass timed to take out one, two or even 2. grasp the basic notion of the game, which is to get, and keep, possession of the ball.

Rob Andrew gave yet further evidence of the gulf dividing the British and French philosophy on the way the game should or can be played during the Scotland v England match last Saturday. On three or four occasions he picked up wayward kicks and had the opportuniy to run the ball out of the.

As the French have proved time and time again, this can be a most dangerous and extremely effective tactic (it is what the British hail as French flair"). Yet, every

Rugby prejudice

Professional footballers. professional cricketers, or professional ice hockey players are permitted, without question, to play rugby union. So why not rugby union after a period (or at the same time) as a professional rughy league player.

While I believe rugby union

time, he chose to kick and give the ball back to Scotland in a series of tennis-like rallies with the Scottish full back.

In a year's time, if the proposed rule changes ge through, he will be unable to proposed rule changes kick in such positions when nunning back into his own 22, so why not start the learning process now? His stay with Stade Toulousain provides an excellent opportunity to appreciate the fact that rugby in France is first and foremost a running not a kicking exhibition.....

On February 15. in Paris he will have the choice of feeding internationally reyered players such as Guscott and Underwood, or of handing the ball on a tray to the likes of Lagisquet, Lafond and Saint-Andre, who, unlike Gavin Hastings, will be only too keen to get, and keep, their hands on the ball. Yours sincerely, PETER HORSEY,

94 rue Nollet,

game. I see no argument for condemnation of a player receiving financial remunera tion because of his/her rugh union status off the pitch. Hasn't the time arrived for someone to contest in law the prejudice of the International Rugby Football Boan against a professional player of the rugby league code? It is a prejudice of equal opportu-

miy in sport. Yours faithfulk RAYMOND H. EDWARDS, -CII Y Coed,

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Rustle to top Henderson double

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NICKY Henderson and Richard Durwoody can land a double at Newton Abbot today with Irish Bay (1.30) and Rustle (3.00).

Of the ten declared for the Tormay Hotel's Association

NICKY Henderson and this performance was all the more impressive because he virtually did the splits on landing over the second-last fence when seemingly poised to beat a good field in his own time.

Challenge
far and away the most
rienced over fences. However,
he was gifted enough to win
the Stayers' Hurdle at Chelham during the 1989
Festival. Torquay Hotel's Association Challenge Bowl, Rustle is by far and away the most inexperienced over fences. However,

But due to a chapter of accidents, he has only been seen once in public since.
That was at Newbury as
1990 ebbed away, when he
made a winning debut over fences.

MANDARIN

Having been passed by the other three runners when left flat-footed, he then proceeded to make up ten lengths, collar them and win going away.
Unfortunately, that was the last we saw of him because in

the process of doing the splits he hurt a hock and had to be operated upon soon after-wards to remove a bit of bone that had become detached. For a horse who has only run once over fences. Rustle

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certainly has a high enough rating. Yet as Henderson is quick to point out, his rating of 131 is considerably less than the one that he achieved over hundles.

As connections are also talking of entering Rustle for the Tote Gold Cup at Chekenham in March, it must be assumed that they also believe that he is capable of winning

Earlier, his stable compan-ion Irish Bay is napped to win the West Country Novices'

Hurdle. Any horse capable of winning three bumpers in Ireland should also be capable of dealing with this

Manor scored at Taumton

week ago points to her being capable of sustaining that good work by also winning the Tattersalls Mares Only

Novices' Chase qualifier, even

though Martin Pipe's runner

Re-release would pose a dan-

ger at her best. But she could

only manage fifth place at Haydock last Saturday in the

race won by Parson's Thorns.
At Lingfield, I will be looking to the Epsom-based train-

er Simon Dow, who has enjoyed considerable success since moving into the yard vacated by Ron Smyth, to land a double with Antico

Nativo (1.40) and Gina-

Diane (4.10).

opposition.
While a leg injury interrupted Irish Bay's progress,
he is now poised to resume
where he left off since he has jumped with such alacrity when schooled over the practice hurdles on the downs above Lambourn.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow the promising young jockey Michael Fitzgerald, riding Broughton Manor (2.00) and Allyfair (4.30) for the in-form local trainer Jackie Retter.

The way that Broughton

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Carvill's Hill is key to bumper National entry

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Martell Grand National has attracted the largest entry since 1984, with 115 horses being put forward for the four-and-a-half mile mar-athon to be staged at Aintree on April 4.

As the noon deadline for

entries to the world's greatest steeplechase approached yes-terday. Dukes Whistle, trained by David Nicholson, was the last horse to be forwarded to Weatherbys at

Wellingborough.
However, as Christopher
Mordaunt, the Jockey Club
handicapper, considers how much weight to give each of the hopefuls, the entry to catch his eye and pose the biggest problem will be Carvill's Hill. The Welsh Grand National winner looks certain to be allocated more than 12 stone.

Carvill's Hill, a warm favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, was one of eight entries made by Martin Pipe and yesterday there appeared to be every chance that Paul Green's reformed chaser will take his chance at Aintree.

his jumping technique may not be suited to the imposing National fences, but Chester Barnes. assistant to Pipe. said: "How many times has he fallen? He has fallen twice and unseated his rider once in 26 runs. Does that make him a bad jumper? The

ground and Mr Green will decide whether he will run in the Grand National." The first five horses to finish in last year's race. Seagram, Garrison Savan-

nah, Auntie Dot, Over The

Road, and Bonanza Boy, are

all set to run again. Garrison Savannah is one of seven entries made by Jenny Pitman. Toby Tobias and Golden Freeze are included in her strong challenge to repeat the success achieved by Corbiere.

John Edwards and Arthur Stephenson are also strongly represented with six and five entries respectively. However, Gordon Richards's two potential runners, Rinus and Twin Oaks, are likely to be among the favourites in three months' time.

Sceptics might suggest that

Edwards: six-strong



Dunnett refutes drug-test claims

BY RICHARD EVANS

NEVILLE Dunnett, director of the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory (HFL), yesterday fiercely rebutted accusations levelled against its drug-testing procedures by lawyers representing the Aga Khan, owner of Aliysa who was dis-qualified from winning the 1989 Oaks.

In a prepared statement, the head of the Newmarketbased laboratory said: "I am extremely disappointed that the Aga Khan's representatives have chosen to base furderstanding of both our procedures generally and of the circumstances surrounding the analysis of a particular sample from an overseas rac-

ing authority.
"It is beyond dispute that
the HFL is a leading world
authority in drug testing in
equine sports and has pioneered tests now adopted on

a world-wide basis."
Dunnett's defence follows remarks made by Henry Car-negie and Matthew McCloy. the Aga's European and British lawyers, about the validity of the HFL's drug-testing procedures following a test carried out by a laboratory similar to that which led to the disqualification of Aliysa. The Aga's Oaks winner was demoted following analysis

of a post-race urine sample. which contained Three-

phor, a prohibited substance Scientists hired by the Aga Khan showed that it could have come from Borneol, found in stable wood shavings and feed stuffs. The Aga's lawyers criticised the HFL earlier this

Hydroxycamphor (3-HC). The HFL claimed that 3-HC

must have come from cam-

week following tests by the laboratory involving Traderhorn, winner of a race at San Sebastian last Sep-tember. The first test showed ther criticisms of the HFL on 3-HC to be present in a samto be negative.

Dunnett explained away the Traderhorn case by saying the second test carried out on the Spanish horse's urine had to be carried out in a rush due to the horse's Spanish vet only being available for a day.

"In order to complete the procedure in a single working day, the HFL agreed to attempt the analysis without the sample pre-treatment. which is normally required." ☐ It was confirmed yesterday that High Court proceed-ings are being taken against the Jockey Club and Chester racecourse on behalf of Lord and Lady Tavistock and Lord Howland, the owners of Playup, who was fatally in-jured while being unloaded at Chester racecourse last August.

Steps taken to prevent repeat of Maguire case

A SAFETY procedure aimed at preventing a repeat of the Adrian Maguire allowance debacle is to be instituted by Weatherbys, which runs the day-to-day racing administration for the Jockey Club (Richard Evans writes).
The new scheme will come

into effect in the summer and coincides with the introduction of overnight declarations of jockeys for races. Maguire lost six winners and six placings this week after it was discovered he claimed a 3lb conditional jockey's allowance to which he was not

Weatherbys, based in Wellingborough, including winning rides abroad. Young Irish jockeys coming to England will be required to say how many winners they have ridden in their native country. Early look **NEWTON Abbot officials**

rules will require jockeys to

provide information to

are optimistic about their chances of racing today, but plan a precautionary 6am inspection. The meeting at Huntingdon was called off A change in Jockey Club yesterday because of frost.

Bradley has £500 fine

angry mood yesterday after being fined £500 by the Southwell stewards for his riding of Marouat in the

gelding to run on his merits. The top-weight, who drifted from 6-4 favourite to 3-1, was never jumping fluently and

GRAHAM Bradley was in an had lost his place by the sixth. After jumping the next, Bradley pulled him up. The jockey, clearly upset at

the stewards' decision. Scrooge Claiming Chase. described the fine as "abso-Bradley was found guilty of lutely unbelievable". He said: not allowing Charlie Brooks's "I was off the bridle after the second and the horse got worse and worse afterwards. It would have been a waste of time persisting with him."

SOUTHWELL RESULTS

Going: standard
1.40 (2m & ch) I. Noble Vision (G
McCourt. 11-8 fav); 2, Crowscopper (112); 2, Riordans Well (33-1), 11 ran MR
Warrior's Promise. 8, 301 M Pape Tote.
22 30; 21.70, 21.80, 211.80 DF 27 70
CSF: 29.39. CSF: £9.39. 2, ch) 1, City Indigs (P. Leach, 100-30 tay); 2, Valentinos Joy (7-2; 3, Denum Lar (25-1), 11 ren. 12, 11, N Snuth. Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £7.80 DF. £7.50. CSF: £14.35. Tricsel: £216.75.

27.50. CSF: £14.35. Tricset: £216.75.
2.45 (2m 8 Indie) 1. Subtle (5 Wyrnes, 8-13 Inv): 2, Surefoot Siters (14-1): 3, Carawaff c Choice (8-1). 13 ran. NR: Royal Rupert. 4, 10. R Holimschaad Tote (2.00): £1.30, £2.10. £1.30. DF: £9.80 CSF: £1.35. Bought in 6.000gns.
3.15 (2m 21 Indie) 1. Martiners Secret (R J Beggin, 16-1): 2. Showaca (53-1). 3, Pay Rhandonad — frost

To Dream (4-6 fev), 8 ran. 4l, 8l, R Brazangton Tota £15,10, £5,10 £4,80, £1,10, DF-£376,30, CSF,£288,88, Tricasi, £760,82 E760 82
2.45 (2m hdie) 1, Northern Netion (J Dracos), 9-1); 2, Noushy (8-1), 3
Jeethgays (5-1), Domain 5-2 tav, 9 ran NR; War Beat, 10, 8; W Clay Tote (7-80, 82.90, 61.20, 52.40, DF, £9.60, CSF, £70.71,
4.15 (2m hdie) 1, Non Permanent (R Supple, 20-1), 2, La Rapiotie (3-1); 3, Tricsan's Comed (11-2), Passed Pawn 7-4 tav 10 ran 3/91, 1791, B Rothwell Tote: \$10.10; £4-10, £7-40, £2-00 DF; £24-10, CSF, £75-26, Tricsat; £350-60
Placespot: £30.70.
U Sedosifield and Wolverhampton

Hide now fancies life in the fast lane

BOXING

BY SRIKUMAR SEN **BOXING CORRESPONDENT**

BARRY Hearn pulled off a clever stroke of management by matching his heavyweight. Herbie Hide, with Conroy Nelson, of Canada, for the World Boxing Council (WBC) international title at Norwich

Sports Village on Tuesday.

Overnight, the London promoter turned Hide, who was little known outside the Hearn gym in Romford, into a world contender.

Hearn knew he could put his house on his man. Nelson. with 19 defeats in 37 contests, was little more than a conditioned loser with a glass jaw. Hide, aged 20, from Norwich, did the "business". knocking out Nelson in the second round - just as Mike Tyson, Trevor Berbick and Alex Stewart had done.

Hearn and Hide were in the fast lane to a world title challenge and big money, cruising past rivals like Henry Akinwande, already named as Hide's opponent for the British title eliminator, Derek Williams, the Commonwealth champion, and Frank Bruno. Thank goodness Lennox Lewis, the British and European champion and world No. 4, was also out of the way.

Hide could challenge Evander Holyfield, the world champion, in his own right. It was only a question of per-suading Holyfield to give him a chance.

In the last WBC ratings, Hide was near the bottom of the list at No. 25, four above Nelson; in the January list. his name would be at the top. next to that of Holyfield. The world champion and his managers, Dan and Lou Duva, would notice his name.

"I'll be giving the Duvas a call," Hearn said. "We're ready for Holyfield now but are not challenging him just yet. It's good to know we're there and, when we want to, we can make Holyfield an

Hearn intends to keep Hide busy, building on his 15-out-of-15 record of wins inside the distance and then selling him to the Americans as a knockout artist, possibly by the end of this year.

The plan is for Hide to box two ten-rounders - in Amsterdam and Antwerp - and defend his title in Norwich in the summer.

EQUESTRIANISM

Funding scheme launched

By Jenny MacArthur

A LARGE amount of behindthe-scenes work goes into the quest for an Olympic medal. In this sport, particularly, participation at the Games depends on it, and in this respect the British Equestrian Olympic Fund (BEOF) will play a vital part in possible success in Barcelona.

Although the British Olympic Association raises the bulk of the money to transport teams to the Olympic Games. BEOF, under the chairman-ship of Mark Phillips, helps with the high costs. The fund was founded in

the late 1960s and more than

£200,000 was raised for Seoul. The target figure for Barcelona is £250,000. The BEOF announced

plans yesterday for a Property World Olympic RCE evening, sponsored by Arlington Securities, to be held at Kempton Park on Wednesday, June 10. The programme includes an Olympic riders' race, in which lan Stark and Virginia Leng are among the medal contenders expected to compete.





1.30 IRISH BAY (nap). 2.00 Broughton Manor. 2.30 Savina. 1.30 Dancing Paddy. 2.00 Re-Release 2.30 Savina 3.00 Rustle. 3.00 Rustle. 3.30 Musical Monarch 3.30 Musical Monarch. 4.00 Mr Lion. 4.30 My Key Silca. 4:00 Driver. 4:30 Allyfair. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES (INSPECTION BAM) $v_{i,j,j} = e_{i,j} e_{i,j}$ 1.30 WEST COUNTRY NOVICES HURDLE (E1,348: 2m 150yd) (16 jumers) 40,000 BETTING: 3-1 Irish Bay, 11-4 Deccing Peddy, 5-1 Berry Window, 8-1 Amour Royale, Fearence, 14-1 others-1891: REQUESTED 4-10-6 H Davise (5-2 tay) R Abstract 18 ran FORM FOCUS FEARSOME 12%14th of 18 to Song Of Stopence in a novice hurdle at Ludiow (2nt, good to firm). Previously, best Wave Master 1fel in a 12-rumper setting hundle one nounce and distance (soft). BARRY WINDOW head 2nd of 20 to True Spenk in a novice hurdle over course and distance in a 15-rumper novice hurdle at Wincardon in January 1988 (2m, 2nd). Previously, their Statemens 6th 8 in a 15-rumper novice hurdle over course and distance. 2.00 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE BETTING: 2-1 Re-Release, 5-2 Broughton Manner, 5-1 Northern Jinks, 6-1 Benediards Girt, 12-1 others. 1991: TREE POPPY 8-10-10 B de Heart (5-4 fey) C Brooks 14 ms. FORM FOCUS BROUGHTON MANOR best Soverise Express 11, pair clear, is an 11-humer soulce bending chose at 1, pair clear, is an 11-humer soulce bending chose at 1, with DEVONIA pulled up before 2 out. 15-mil 3rd of 7 to Julior Parker is a novice obsers at 1 movine abundance of 1 to 5 paces have a novice abundance of 1 to 5 paces have in a novice chose at Wohenhardplan (2m-4), good). RE-RELEASE, useful hunder, 1015th of 13 to Chose at Wohenhardplan (2m-4), good). RE-RELEASE useful hunder, 1015th of 13 to Chose at Wohenhardplan (2m-4), good). Selection; RE-RELEASE 2.30 KNOWLES HILL JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,334: 2m 150yd) (16 runners)

1 58152 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 10 (D.S) (3 Tindell) G Charles-Jones 11-5. D Neredith (7) 91

2 1F124 FREEZING 7 (O.F.G) (Psiecegate Corporation Ltd) R Simpson 11-3. D Gallegher 92

3 30440 CARISBEAN PRINTSE 5 (T. Maycodd) M NoCourt 10-12. L Harvey 90

4 FAST RUN 15 (7 McGreedy) J Eliott 10-12. R Guest 22

5 G GABY 84 (Mrs. J. James) A Jestes 10-12. R Durwoody 95

6 GG SREEN'S THORBURN 15 (Mrs. R Bostod) A Moore 10-12. R Durwoody 95

7 D MUDDY LAME 94 (J. Steptors) B Millians 10-12. W McGrariand 96

8 PO SWEET GLEN 62 (B) (Mesk Cottage Rackey) C James 10-12. G Upton 91

10 OR ALLAZARE 22 (R Short) N Thomson 10-12. Lotte Vincent 91

11 503 CHADWICK'S GINGER 8 (I Hunter) K Bridgenter 10-7. D Bridgenster (8) 91

12 PO MADAM-M 51 (S) (Mrs. J. Mouth) N Twinton-Device 10-7. C Lisewith 91

13 NORTHERN OFTMIST 1225 (B Lisewithy) S Lisewithy 10-7. V Stattery (R) 91

14 OR RUSHEY SANDS 40F (SF) (W Terrest) W G Turner 10-7. S Bestrough 91

15 SAVINA 205F (F-Corporatell) M Pipe 10-7. P Boodsmore 91

8ETTING: 3-1 Sevins, 9-2 Freezing, 5-1-Green's Tootburn, 6-1 Whippers Delight, 8-1 Fest Run, 10-1 others. T891: MtLDRED SOPHIA 10-2 M Richards (35-1) M Bolton 10 ms. (4-Y-O: £1,334; 2m 150yd) (16 runners) 1881: MILDRED SOPHIA 10-2 M Richards (33-1) M Bolton 10 mm. FORM FOCUS WHIPPERS DELIGHT To 2nd of 7 to J Brand in selling a handless hurdle at Flumpton (2m selling a handless hurdle at Fortwell (2m 2), good to conf. FREEZING (17 4th of 10 to Princess Noothyshoe in claiming novice hardle at Tauston (2m 31, good) of tim), with STAPLEFORD LADY (2m worse) of 17 5 th Freezing 17 STAPLEFORD LADY (2m cood) Ludiow (2m, good to firm), with STAPLEFORD LADY (2m, good to firm), with CARIBSEAN PRINCE (10th better off) [1 3nd and GARIBSEAN PRINCE (10th better o COURSE SPECIALISTS 206 8 53 82 45 40 JOCKEYS TRAINERS 44.2 37.5 24.5 15.7 15.6 15.0 M Pipe J Edwards M Chennon M McCourt N Hende A Dunn THUNDERER MANDARIN 1.40 Scotoni. 2.10 Dr Bulasco. 2.40 Crabby Bill. 1.40 Antico Nativo. 2.10 Dr Bulasco. 2.40 Crabby Bill. 3.10 YOUNG FACT 3.10 Sailor Boy. 3.40 First Stage. 4.10 Gina-Diane. (nap). 3.40 First Stage. 4.10 Briery Fille. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 YOUNG FACT. GOING: STANDARD 40 SNAFFLES MAIDEN HURDLE (21,506: 2m) (14 runners) PACT OR FICTION 7 (Miss B Sendard) Miss B Sendare 6-11-7

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SHARP TIMES 253F (Miss N Brott) H Willia 9-11-7

SO-4403 TUFFER'S GARTH 7 (R Bedding) T Etherington 7-11-7

OP/ BACIGHEDORBUST 1001 (Miss K George) D Williams 9-11-7

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3 S LEGAL LEGACY 12 (W Within) Mrs F White +11-2 Miles 5 White (7)
4 F1 DR BULASCO 120 (Under Orders Recing II) D Morray Smith 8-10-2 Mr J Durkan (5)
5 558804 TEMPORALE 28 (D.F.G.) (J Regan) K Burke 6-10-0 Miles 5 French (7)
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1991: COUNTERPUNCH 7-9-7 Mrs T Balley (4-8 fav) K Balley 8 san

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3.00 TORQUAY HOTELS ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE BOWL (Flandicap chase: 92,762: 3m 2l 100yd) (10 runners) RICHARD EVANS 1.30 IRISH BAY (nap). 2.00 Broughton Manor. 4.00 Kings Rank. Long handloop: Pacidy Buck 8-7, Wimbleball 7-11.
BETTING: 11-4 Rustin, 7-2 Outside Edge; 5-1 See Island, 8-1 Boraceve, 7-1 Master Christian, 10-1 others.

7 1991: OUTSIDE EDGE 10-11-4 P Scotlamore (8-5 twr) M Pipe 8 ren BORACEVA & 3rd of 10 to Robika in a handlesp chase at Cheltenham (4m, good). BERLING JACK completed cloudle on lines start lest search when beeting Radcat Lavy & in an 8-runner revoltage chase at Ayr (2m 110yd, good). RUSTLE, a top-class staying burdler, best Whatte The Crack 150 in a 7-runner novice chase at Newbury (3m, good) on persistement start. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement start. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Worcester (5m, good is soft) on persistement estart. PATRICO St 2nd of 16 to Particle Priory in a handlesp chase at Chellen 3.30 DARRACOMBE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,306: 2m 5f 110yd) (14 runners) BETTING: 5-2 Musical Monarch, 7-2 Gesterrem, 5-1 Mise Purbeck, 7-1 Arjune, 6-1 Fiscal Rus, 10-1 others. 1991: ITS NEARLY TIME 8-11-6 N Hawte (7-4 tev) Mrs R Brackambury 14 ran

MUSICAL MONARCH has proved to be a diseppindment since bedding Sulaxib 6 in a 15-runner novice handlesp hurdle, over course and distance (soft).

ARJUNA 12I 3rd of 5 to the subsequently disqualified Notray-Novel in a novice handlesp hurdle at Sendam (2m 51 75vd, oxice handlesp hurdle at Sendam (2m 51 75vd, oxice him).

HILL-WAY BLUES 25I 10th of 17 to Sukaab in a 4.00 HOLBEAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,931: 3m 2! 110yd) (14 runners) Long handicap: Dominion Tressure 9-13, Queen's Anthem 9-8, Dapping 9-2, Calife Diamond 8-11, Prince Kenk 9-8, Nietzn 7-9. BETTING: 3-1 Driver, 9-2 Mr Lion, 5-1 Kinge Rank, 7-1 Class, Petry Bridge, 10-1 Queen's Anthem, 12-1 others. 1991; CIMA 13-10-11 P Device (14-1) J Cld 14 rzn FORM FOCUS KINGS RANK 4! 2nd of 29 to Darwy Comons on final start last assess in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenhem (Sm 11, good to soft), with CAMA (Fib better of) 46 th. CRMA head 2nd of 20 to Dark Honey in a handloop hurdle at Licester (3m, good, PETTY BRIDGE 31 2nd of 11 to Colsenty Boy in a handloop hurdle at Wincenter (3m, good) of 21 to Colsenty Boy in a handloop hurdle at Wincenter (2m, good) or penultimate atart, with KINGS PANK (same terms) 61 4th. 4.30 DARRACOMBE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,299: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners) FORM FOCUS MY KEY SILCA beat October Perhat 4 in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m, good to firm). REMEMBER CHARTIER 171 4th of 14 to Knight in Side
in a novice hurdle at Teamton (2m 110yd, good to firm).

SEARCHER 6Ni 5in of 24 to Secret Four in a novice hurdle at Winnester (2m 2t, good).

About (2m 10yd, soft), with MELDON (sums terms) a poor 8th.

Selection: SEARCHER

2.40 MUNNINGS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,339; 2m 41) (8 runners) Long hundloup: Hard To Get 9-7. SETTING: 5-2 Brummick Blue, 7-2 Crabby Bill, 4-1 Crown Baladee, 6-1 High Grade, 8-1 Chimayo, Texan Clemour, 12-1 others. 1991; PERCY'S PET 5-11-51 Lewrence (3-1) K Bailey 9 ran 3.10 HARRINGTON BIRD CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,446: 2m) (9 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Abigai's Dream, 100-30 Young Fect, 4-1 Sailor Boy, 8-1 ice ice Beby, 8-1 Scenned Godd 10-1 Nautical Belle, 12-1 others. 1991: NORSTOCK 4-10-3 J Tuite (16-1) J White 14 ran 3.40 HERRING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,610: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 1 31-1192 FROSTY RECEPTION 14 (B,F) (P Power) J Boker 7:120 Mr R Farrant (7) 90
2 2230-41 WICK POUND 7 (B,CD) (K Sinten) J Cld 6:11-3 (Box) T Grantham 9:98
3 1/2-1112 FIRST STAGE 5F (BF,F) (K Walter) J O'Shea 5-11-8 Ds McKaown
4 1334/60 Mil, LIE BELLE 22 (F) (F. Fullow) Mau B Sanders 6:10-13 Ds McKaown
5 6-53540 LIRDE LAD 12 (B Brieston) P Rodord B:10-8 18 Normark
8 BLGO-0 THE PLY BOYS 48 (B,F) (B Forsey) B Forsey 10-10-1 C Librarilyn
7 2525-25 GREY SONATA 145 (BF,F) (C Pophen) C Pophen 5-10-0 L Hervey Long handicap: Grey Schala 9-8. SETTING: 9-4 First Stage, 3-1 Wick Pound, 4-1 Freety Recomption, 5-1 Gray Sonate, 8-1 Line Lad, 16-1 Mille Belle, 14-1 The Fly Boye 1991: DAIVING FORCE 5-12-2 G McCourt (2-1) M McCourt 8 ran

4.10 CECIL ALDIN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,551: 2m) (6 runners) Long handicap: Mella 9-7 SETTING: 11-8 Gins-Ourse, 3-1 Briery Fife, 4-1 Streight Laced, 8-1 Counterpunch, 10-1 Gabish, 16-1 Mells, 1991; SING THE BLUES 7-12-0 Date McKeever (5-6 fev) C Genetaed 5 ren

Simon Barnes

A super occasion

above the downs

very profession has its moments of verti-go: I suffered from a mild panic attack as

the acroplane descended

towards the eternal snows

of Minnesota Does any

body care, I wondered, if the Washington Redskins

beat the Buffalo Bills in

Super Bowl XXVI here in

the gloriously named Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome on Sunday?

Well, certainly they care in the United States. The

Olympics are small beer

compared to the Super Bowl At the Olympics, un-

known Americans have

their 15 minutes of fame;

This is not a nation that

follows track and field too

closely. But at the Super Bowl, we have a culmina-

tion, an earth-shuddering

clash of the titans, and an

earth-shuddering clash of

the cliches, for this is the

event that never fails and

To be present at the Super Bowl is a rich cultur-

al experience. Newspapers

warn Minnesotans of the likely invasion of Rolex Girls They scope out men

with expensive jewellery, seduce them, drug them and make off with their fan-

cy watches after they pass

out." says the Star Tribune.

Do they have Swatch Girls

The US ice sculpting

team is here for we natu

rally have a winter carnival in Super Bowl Week. They

will "hone their design of

The Empress Who Steals

the World' for next week's

world championships in Ja-

pen". I read with fascina-

tion. "She's an awesome babe, too," one of the team

The Super Bowl is a pret-

The event has wandered from its usual habitat of

Florida and California and

made a landfall in a city renowned for its brutal win-

ters. You can hype the Super Bowl, but there is no

need at all to hype the win-ter chill you find in the mid-dle of this enormous con-

tinent. The game, at least,

seven-point favourites,

which makes Buffalo severe

underdogs. We shall pon-

der the chances of Jim Kelly

and his scintillating no-haddle offense before the

week is out but, meanwhile,

Minnesota offers visitors

such treats as "melling

with snow shovels in public

parks". Is there nothing Minnesota is not offering:

Perry: summed it up

awesome babe herself.

in Essex, I wonder?

America always wins.

that can rise

Minnesota has rocketed

back into the mid-Eighties:

for a week, there is no

This sport gets bigger ev

ery year. The Super Bowl seems recession-proof. in

an uncertain world, you can rely on football. At least, in the United States. Do we

the United States. Do we still love the sport in Brit-sin? Or am I here to cover the last rites of Britain's sport of the Eighties, the vertige-inducing thought

that assailed me on the

Channel 4 is the sport's

British heartland, of

course. Its highlights pack-

three million in the mid-

Eighties. The present 90-

minute live show — high-lights are no longer appro-priate — averaged at 1.1

million last season, and

were I.2 million at the mid-

December mark this time.

We are, it seems, down to

the core of loyalists. It is a solid enough figure — I would not object if only 1.2

million bought my next book — but the Mr Toad

aspect of the craze has run its course.

appropriate to a decade it was American football to the Eighties.

Brutality, money, jingoism, excess. The National Foot-ball League is the Republi-

former yuppies still fill their business talks with

American sports jargon?
Do they still say behind the eight-ball give me a ball-park figure or we've

aeroplane?

Captain's rash decision hands Test match victory to England

Tufnell outwits Crowe in memorable finale

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN CHRISTCHURCH

THE clock over the Lancaster Park scoreboard had just touched 5.20pm when Martin Crowe took the fateful decision. New Zealand, their last pair together, were four runs short of saving the first Test. One good blow was all it needed, for there was no time for England to bat again. Crowe gambled all and lost

Phil Tufnell's flighted ball was the green light to Crowe, but his lofted straight drive was a shade too predetermined. Not quite to the pitch. he sliced the ball high to deepish mid-off, where Derek Pringle, as unflappable a character as one could nominate for such a moment, took the catch so nonchalantly that he might have been playing beach cricket after a good

All around him, however, bedlam ensued. Tufnell, wearing a grin so wide it looked fit to burst, was hugged and hurled into the air. Stumps were grabbed and waved; there were expressions of disbelief everywhere. Quite rightly so, for the final session of this match had seen cricket of a tension and drama seldom witnessed.

England won by an innings and four runs with 17 balls remaining. To anyone wak-

Christchurch: A superb open-

ing partnership of 104 be-

tween Belinda Haggett and

Belinda Clark laid the foun-

dations for a six-wicket win by

Australia over England in the

triangular one-day series in Rangiora, near Christchurch,

yesterday (a Special Corres-

It was the World Cup hold-

this might have sounded pleasantly predictable. Purely as a result, it was; England were much the better side and any other outcome would have been a travesty. Beneath the bare scores, however, lay a

remarkable story. Fifteen minutes after tea, New Zealand's second innings stood at 211 for three. Their two best batsmen were together, only two wickets had fallen all day, and the game was as good as drawn. Even Graham Gooch, whose strength as cricketer and captain comes from the belief that anything is possible until it has been proved otherwise, admitted that taking seven wickets in less than two hours

seemed "unrealistic". The game turned on a highly-skilled piece of pressure bowling by Tufnell to John Wright, who had been marooned on 99 for 23 minutes, had just played out two maidens, and was visibly fretful. Tufnell drew him out. Wright hit unworthily across the line, and Russell completed an academic stumping.

At the time, it seemed no more than a token success for England; some reward for Tufnell's perseverance. Instead, it was the beginning of a landslide. New Zealand lost six wickets for 39 runs before Crowe and the No. 11. Chris Pringle, all but salvaged the holed and rudderless ship.

That Tufnell should have

Australia clinch final spot

England, however, must

await the outcome of today's

His figures after tea were six for 14 from 15.1 overs; his match figures, 11 for 147. It was the third consecutive Test in which he had bowled England to victory. Crowe's assessment of him as "one of the best spin bowlers in the world" does not flatter him.

Tufnell was in many ways as impressive when not taking wickets as when he was. His match was a curious sandwich, the bread fresh and tasty, the filling chewily inedible. His first 15 overs of the game brought him four wickets. and his last 13 brought him six. Between, he bowled 59 overs for a single wicket costing 113 runs.

He might not care to admit it, but this time last year the frustrating phase could have overpowered Tufnell Maturity may have been force-fed, but his success in absorbing lessons cannot be overstated On a pitch as bland as this, few other bowlers in the world could have conjured a result from the game, and Tufnell did so only through what Gooch chose to call "staying

The fall of Morrison, the nightwatchman, to the second ball of the day, preceded a third-wicket partnership which ventured little and offered nothing. It was not fun to watch, but it was precisely the application New Zealand required. In three-and-a-half hours, Wright and Andrew Jones added 101, their only

Brittin. But when Brittin was

out, England's last four wick-

leg-before decisions which stretched the benefit of doubt. Gooch, his options limited by Reeve's absence with an

attack of food poisoning, tried everything, including a collector's piece in Robin Smith's leg spin. The new ball was 11 overs old when Pringle gave the game what seemed a posthumous injection, having Jones caught behind off the glove.
But, though this was not a

great Test match, it was an extraordinary one and, having seen one man run out for 99, it now produced another mped for the same score. Wright, who had defied England for 400 minutes, later denied that nerves were to blame for his aberration. "I shan't cut my throat about it," he said. "What disappoints me is that I set out to

do a job, and didn't finish it." Whether or not Wright succumbed to pressure, the next four to fall to Tufnell most certainly did. Greatbatch, suffering from the rough outside the left-hander's offstump, and Cairns were both brilliantly caught close to the hat by Smith. Thomson was bewildered by the arm-ball, played no shot and was legbefore, and Patel, inappropri-ately repeating his first innings tactics, mis-hit to mid-off.

The final hour had begun at 236 for seven, and Cairns's dismissal made it 241 for eight. By the time the recalled Lewis had Ian Smith caught behind from his first ball, 32 minutes remained to divide the final pair.

Crowe, who could have been thought negligent for not taking more of the strike against Tufnell before the collanse took root, now sensed that runs were as important diminished, England's field-ing was crucial. Hick, at deep square leg, and the substitute, Ramprakash, at cover, prevented fours with spectacular dives. On a day of unlimited ifs and buts, those saves were



Moment of truth: Crowe's fateful last blow

three and four, increased the ers' third win in the competitempo, adding 34 for the tion, which guarantees them third wicket, which continued a place in Saturday's final at when Sue Metcalfe joined GOMPLETE SCOREBOARD FROM CHRISTCHU New Zealand won toss ENGLAND First Innings *G A Gooch c Smith b Morrison Fami edge playing leg cutter A J Stewart c Crowe b Morrison Edged lifting ball to first slip G A Hick liby Calms Hit high on pad, defending on back fool R A Smith c Greatbatch b Pringle

Extras (6 5, 16 10, w 1, nb 8).

Total (9 witts dec. 163 overs, 647 min) 560

P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6 (Gooch), 2-95 (Fick), 3-274 (Smith), 4-310 (Stewart), 5-390 (Russell), 6-466 (Lamb), 7-544 (Reeve), 8-671 (Pringle), 9-580 (Lewis), 80WLING: Morrison 33-6-133-2 (nb 3) (6-2-17-1, 4-1-18-0, 2-0-12-0, 10-0-2-0-8-0, 7-2-9-1, 6-2-13-0, 3-0-19-0); Calms 303-118-1 (nb 4) (7-1-12-0, 7-2-31-1, 6-0-18-0, 3-0-18-0, 4-0-27-0, 3-0-12-0); Pringle 36-4-127-3 (nb 1, w 1) (6-1-30-0, 5-1-20-0, 9-2-1-1, 4-0-12-0, 5-0-18-0, 10-8-0, 5-0-18-2); Thomson 15-3-47-0 (3-1-11-0, 6-1-13-0, 2-1-8-0, 4-0-15-0); Patel 46-5-132-2 (13-1-33-0, 5-0-24-0, 3-0-8-0, 18-4-34-0, 7-0-20-1, 2-0-13-1); Jones 3-0-8-0 (one spell).

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NEW ZEALAND

First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51 (Wright), 2-52 (Hartland), 3-73 (Jones), 4-87 (Greatbatch), 5-91 (Thomsort), 5-139 (Crowe), 7-255 (Patel), 8-279 (Cairns), 9-306

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Third day (start delayed by rain, Play began at 1.30, with an extra hour played). Tes: 53-2 (Jones 8, Graetbaich 2, 41 overs). Fourth day: New ball site 87.2 overs at 196-6 (Patel 74, Cairns 9). Lunch: 276-7 (Cairns 60, Smith 0, 105 overs). Tes: 4-0 (Hardand 4, Wright 0, 7 overs). Tes: 4-0 (Hardand 4, Wright 0, 7 overs). Tes: 50: 85 min, 77 balls, 5 fours. 2 sixes. Cairns: 50: 128 min, 116 balls, 9 fours. Patel: 50: 85 min, 77 balls, 5 fours. 2 sixes. Cairns: 50: 128 min, 116 balls, 9 fours. Patel: 50: 85 min, 77 balls, 5 fours. 2 sixes. Cairns: 50: 128 min, 116 balls, 9 fours. Patel: 50: 85 min, 77 balls, 5 fours. 2 sixes. Cairns: 50: 128 min, 116 balls, 9 fours. Patel: 50: 85 min, 77 balls, 5 fours. 2 sixes of the 104 added by 8 Sutcliffe and V Poliard at Edgbaston in 1965).

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INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fifth day: Lunch: 127-2 (Wright 55, Jones 13). Ne ball after 85.3 overs (142-2, Wright 50, Jones 21) Tea: 2013 (Wright 99, Crowe

MAN OF THE MATCH: P C R Turnell (adju UMPIRES: B Aldridge and S Durine. OFFICIAL ATTENDANCE: 11,768.



RUGBY UNION

Pontypool investigate attack

By a Special Correspondent

PONTYPOOL, the leaders of the Heineken League first division, have pledged to investigate fully an alleged attack on Kevin Moseley, the Newport lock, at the end of the clubs' 7-7 draw on Tuesday night.

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Moseley, a former Pontypool captain, claimed that he was punched by a supporter as he left the pitch after a torrid contest between the Gwent rivals. "As I was leaving the pitch some clown just hit me and I had to have a go back," Moseley said. Tony Simons, the Ponty-

pool secretary, has promised

11,000 crowd after his side's to take appropriate action should the spectator be found to be a member of the club.

Oswald, the Pontypool No. 8, was sent off for punching Paul Turner, the Newport stand-off half. Oswald, who can expect to be banned for at least 10 weeks for his second offence in two seasons, saidthat he had been provoked by other players and by foul both clubs. language.

Pontypool officials said that the atmosphere at a packed Pontypool Park was further charged by a Newport player making a double V-sign to the

squad members, Morris.

Heslop and Hynes, available.

and Hughes Hall, will cap-

rain Cambridge University

this year. Peters, a graduate

of Loughborough University

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will have Max Duthie, of

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Eric Peters, of Brentwood

Orrell lose Ashurst match against Sale, although Orrell have their England

NEIL Ashurst, the Orrell flanker so unlucky not to be included in England's development squad, could be out for much of the remainder of the season after damaging knee ligaments in the club's game against Sale last weekend (David Hands writes).

A club spokesman said Ashurst might take anything from three weeks to three months to recover. He misses Saturday's Pilkington Cup

last-ditch try had tied the in the last two seasons a During the game, Dean

dozen or more players have moved from Pontypool to Newport, and last year's second division champions included four former Pontypool players in their side. The evening's events produced heated discussions between officials and players from Denis Evans, the secretary

of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), said: "I'm disappointed to learn of the alleged series of incidents. Publicity of this nature doesn't do the game any good. "At this point, it is to be left

to the clubs to sort out whatever might have taken place off the field. If they find the reports to be true, then I would expect a full report from them.

"We will follow our normal course of action and study the referee's report when it ar-rives. The WRU is in charge only of what goes on on the field of play, and in the first instance what happens after a game is the direct responsibility of the clubs themselves." he added

Two newcomers climb up Scottish ladder

BY ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND have named another chance after an unintwo new players in the B side to face France B at Albi on February 2, a valuable game for the Scots during a transitional period for the national team: Derek Patterson, the Edinburgh Academicals scrum half, and Donald Caskie, the Gloucester centre. Recalled to the pack are

Rob Wainwright, who will captain from the No. 8 position. Stuart Reid, the blindside flanker, Peter Jones, the loose-head prop. and Andy MacDonald, the lock. Of the three back-row play-

ers. Wainwright has the best chance of winning a place in the national side against lieland in Dublin next month. The former Cambridge blue is being seen as a genuine open-side flanker, the position in which he played for Edinburgh Borderers in their win over the Scotland World Cup side.

Reid and McIntosh should be able to earn selection for the tour to Australia, if not for the remaining five nations matches. At lock, MacDonald, 6ft 8in tall, is being given

spiring trial performance. Jones, at loose-head, seemed an automatic choice, his solid scrummaging contributing to the performance of the Reds' pack in the trial. Patterson's selection as scrum half owes much to his sharp play for Edinburgh Academicals Eight senior caps are in the French B squad including Patrice Lagisquet the Bay-onne wing, who is making his way back to form after injury,

Way back to form after injury, SCOTLAND B: B M Appleson (London Society) D A Stark (Avr.) D W Caside (String Starter), IC Jarrice (String County), M Monortell (Gain); G P J Townsend (Gain), D Patherson (Edinburgh Academical) P M Joses (Stoucester), M Scott (String County), S J Raid (Somester), M Scott (String County), S J Raid (Somester), P Scott (Jundon Scottish), A E D MacDonad (String PP), P Welteright (String), P Scott (Jundon Scottish), A E D MacDonad (String), P Spottish (String), P Welteright (String), P Spottish (String), P C Gasgow Start, M J de G Alinghers (Henoty PP), J Rebertion (Henoty PP), J Corcoran (Sain), P Junio (String), P Junio (String), P Junio (String), P Junio (Grasshie), D Poyses (String), P Septim (Castring), P Junio (String), P J Carabbel (Toulous), P J Carabbel (String), P Chemostic (Penny), P Septimina (Application), P Chemostic (Penny), P Chemostic (Application), P Chemostic (Penny), P Bennyon (Application), P Bennyon (Application), P Bennyon (Application), P Bennyon (Application)

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gone right into the end-zone with that one? Or do they just use one of base-ball's oldest phrases "gone to the wall? The man that summed up member the Fridge? An enormously fat boy, not Well. Washington are he became a millionaire overnight. Greed personified. Greed in apotheosis. In retrospect, Perry was my sportsman of the decade. He summed it all up, with-

out room for ambi In the 1960s, Britain's top Other Country was France (so civilised): have you tried that little place by the Loire with two Michelin sizes? In the Eighties, it was the United States (so richly: now that's the way to run a country and did you see Perry's touchdown run? For the record, I love being in the United States, and I love this sport, though sometimes I find these tastes hard to justify. But after the age of say, 20, uncritical admiration ceases to be a useful thing. The Eighties are over, praise the Lord, and in these leaner times it seems utterhere in the cold of Minnesota. It is too cold to cultivate one's garden: let us just enjoy the ball game.

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EDDIE Jordan soveiled his newest Formula One car, the Jordan-Yamaha 192, with a typical flourish yesterday. ong with his new driver, Stefano Modena, Modena hopes the combination will make an impact on the circuit next season and is taking all steps to ensure so:

At the launch yesterday he spoke of the passion and the will to win which runs all through Jordan and its 50 employees, still a tiny team by Formula Oue standards, outlined plans for the future and reflected on how far the team has come from ten years ago, when the factory of his Formula Three team could have fitted in the re-ception area of his new ception area of his new

factory.

Jordan has even gone as far as to install a gyntnasium in his new 48,000 square foot factory, which he has built outside Silverstone's main gate. He refers to it as the most important room in the complex. If you can't keep the body and the mind-healthy, all of these other things I have put together.

SQUASH RACKETS

Marshall

claims

his right

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE inevitable arrival of

Peter Marshall, the Leicester-

shire double handed player.

as British champion, carried

chilling modern implications

from a past arritional age.

Marshall, aged 20, and a
winner of almost every national title since the first

under-10 championship back

in 1981, emerged relentlessly last year as the England. No. I, but had to wait for the Fight For Sight national championships to finish in Manchester on Tuesday.

night to complete his domes-

tic collection. In a 70-minute.

final, of which only the first.

42-minute game was truly a competitive match. Marshall

defeated Bryan Beeson, the No. 10 seed, aged 31, 7-9,

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A gangling six footer now, for 90 per centrof his shots

Marshall almost seescooly

retains the double-handed style he was forced to use as a

boy to wield the old heavier wooden rackets. He has per-

fected a bending, twisting two-fisted reach on both sides

There is a noticeable appre-

hension in Maishall's oppo-

nents about the work they

must generate to counter his

extraordinary tight, wide and unreadable shots. The plays matches as if he is training on

court sprints, and enjoying

it." Beeson said.

Jonah Barrington, the ulti-

mate exponent of attritional

tactics, and involved with

Marshall through a decade of

national squads, watches ev-

ery gut-wrenching encounter

With Sue Wright, aged 21.

from Kent, taking the wom-en's national title for the first

time, Marshall's win heralds

the arrival of a new British

SQUAST: generation.
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bi 9 Beeson (Vorthumbris; 79, 94, 90, 90. Wooman's Janus's Wings: (Kent) bi 9
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Lisa Opie is taking a two-month break from squash in

an attempt to recover from a

with evident relish

that beggars belief

wouldn't work. That's way this is the most important room in the place," he said. Jordan may be in danger of becoming a parody of himself at times, but there is no doubting that he makes things happen. The new car is as pretty as any you will see on the grid. It is a wonder how Gary Anderson, the ge-nial Irish designer, has man-aged to produce a vehicle

last year model. Anderson, on a tight budget, has also thought up the poor man's semi-automatic and has driven three laps in the new car. He is ecstatic

that is just a refinement of

"It makes gear-changing much easier, faster and safer. All gears are as it is on a motorcycle box, you hardly have to use the chutch, and this of course make it much faster to change gears."

The five-year deal, with sponsorship from Barclay, a tobacco company, is said to run into double figures. And

that is in millions of



FOOTBALL

Stamford Bridge saga moves to High Court

BY DENNIS SIGNY

John Duggan, the chair-man of Cabra Estates, the owners of the ground, con-firmed yesterday that a writ-had been served on Chelsea for specific performance" for failing to pay the £22.85 mil-lion for a Stamford Bridge site that was decided by an independent suiveyor in

November. Duggan said the "technical. deadline" for Chelsea paying the money was tomorrow.

The valuation was a binding contract, he said. The fact is Chelses are currently in

"Ken Bates, the Cheisea Chairman, who is on a work-ing holiday in the Far East, said at the time of the valuaagamist Cabra, also due in court on February 25, claiming damages estimated at £15

He said the matter could not be resolved before five

THE next stage in Chelsea's outstanding legal actions long-running bid to buy were settled. "Even mday, the Stamford Bridge is likely to Stamford Bridge saga is far from over," he said. "It could be be said to be said." It could be seen for mouths." drag on for months."

The Cheisea reaction to the Cabra writ was to say it was "sabre ratiling". Duggan countered by saying: "Ken has got until February 25 to come up with the money. If he fails to complete, it is void and we will have a debt against Chelsea."

It is understood a consortium willing to find the money to secure Stamford Bridge for Chelsea is awaiting the outcome of the February 25

hearing. Leeds United and Bayern Munich are to stage a re-match of their 1975 Europe

an Cup final at Elland Road next Wednesday. Leeds were beaten finalists in Paris 17 years ago, when reter Lonmer controversially disallowed before the Germans scored twice to become European champions.

Leeds supporters rioted inside and outside the ground

and the club was subsequently banned from playing in Europe for four years, al-though it was reduced on

The match has been arranged because Leeds are out of the FA Cup and without a League game until February

☐ Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will meet next year on March 31 in Dublin and on November 17 in Belfast in the World Cup European group three quali-fying matches.

The fixtures were announced yesterday after a meeting in Copenhagen of the seven countries in the

Rep of Ireland; N Ireland v Dermant, 1998; Feb 17; Abbania v N Ireland, Mar 31; Rep of Ireland v N Ireland, Apr 28; Spain v N Ireland; Rep of Ireland v Dermani, May 28; Libuania v N Ireland, May 28; Abbania v Rep of Ireland, June 2: Latria, v N Ireland, June 9; Euskia v Rep of Ireland, June 18; Libuania v Rep of Ireland, Sept 8; N Ireland v Latria; Rep of Ireland v Libuania, Cott 18; Rep of Ireland v Spain; Dermania v N Ireland, Nov 17; N Ireland v Rep of Ireland.

Selectors reprieve Kennedy

By CRAIG LORD

SELECTORS have reinstated Nicola Kennedy to the England squad a month after dropping her because of poor performances at the national. championships. She fills the place left by Richard Maden. who is injured at the fifth round of the World Cup at

Bonn this weekend. Mark Foster, who came within a tenth of a second of the world's best time at 50 metres butterfly last Saturday, has also been added to the squad. The Barnet swimmer will compete at the sixth round of the World Cup at Milan next week.

Nova Centurion Club win the Kennedy, aged 22, a nurse women's team trophy. and physiotherapist at

Kennedy wrote to selectors Queen's Medical Centre in asking for an explanation for Nottingham, learned on her omission and her letter Christmas Eve that she had was well received. She said: "I been dropped from the Engwas terribly low after being dropped. But this latest news land team. However, selectors had ignored Kennedy's efforts at the European sprint has come as just as much of a championships in the first surprise. It's given me a masweek of December, when she sive psychological boost." recorded the second fastest time in England at 50 metres

Paul Bush, the England team manager, said: "She approached the problem in a constructive manner and the selectors gave that due consideration. They should be congratulated on bringing her back to the squad."

HOCKEY

Hockey stadium planned

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Hockey Association is to build a £10 million nat ional stadium at Miltor Keynes and hopes to stage the annual Champions' Trophy for the world's best men's teams, in 1993.

Stephen Baines, the association's chief executive, said yesterday: "It is the biggest decision we have ever made."
Bar Holland, the president of
the All England Women's
Hockey Association, said: "It is a unique opportunity. We had to consider what our successors in ten to 20 years' time would think if we had

not grasped it." The : Hockey Association, which yesterday voted 48-0 for the project to start later this year, will move its headquarters from London to Milton Keynes to join the women's association, which will relocate from

The 18.5-acre site at Milton Keynes (which today celebrates its 25th anniversary) will have a 10,000-seater stadium, possibly rising to 20,000, and two artificial

Holland said clubs had been assured that the fundraising would not affect their affiliation fees. Only E500,000 needed to be raised directly by the trust, which has also applied for a £1.5 million grant from the Arts and Sport Foundation.

The remaining £6.5 million will come from extensive commercial interests on the site, with six acres of development, including a hotel. The site, which is owned by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation, is adjacent to the coach and railway station

and close to the A5. Finance will come from hiring of the pitch (at £45 an hour, it could bring in more than £250,000 a year) and 110 days a year use of the banqueting suite. Sixteen hospitality boxes will also vield revenue.

ICE SKATING

Barna impresses with his style

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN LAUSANNE

A FAILED triple jump was the main talking point in the European skating championships here yesterday. The holder, Viktor Petrenko, a Ukrainian representing the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), made such a serious mistake in the men's original programme that he lies fourth, 1.5 points behind the leader. Petr Barna, of

Czechoslovakia. Difficult though the triple axel is, Petrenko nailed it with security in the ordinary way. but got the landing wrong and went sprawling. Thus he also missed the second part of the combination, either a tri-

ple or double toe loop. For the moment, Barna has confounded the theory that without the triple axel you cannot win the men's competition. He is such a clean and stylish skater that his combination of triple lutz to triple toe loop lost nothing to the successful triple axels of Petrenko's two CIS compatri-

ots, Viacheslav Zagorodniuk

Adelboden, Switzerland: Ole

Christian Furuseth, of Nor-

way, won the World Cup

giant slalom yesterday when Alberto Tomba, of Italy, the

leader over the first leg, lost a

ski near the start of his second

run. Furuseth, the second

fastest first time down, won in

a combined time of 2min

Hans Pieren, born here,

took second place. Marc

Girardelli, pf Luxembourg.

who has won twice before

With overall leader Paul

Accola, of Switzerland, being

disqualified for taking too

long at the start in the first

leg, the top of the overall

standings were unchanged.

over this circuit, was third.

36.89sec.

and Alexel Urmanov, allied to

a double toe loop. Petrenko needs help from his team-mates if he is to retain his title. It will not be enough for him to beat Barna into second place in the free skating; another skater would have to come between them.

Steven Cousins, the British champion, aged 19, achieved his best performance and his best marks in an international championship. He left the ice exchanging exultant high fives with his trainer, Alex McGowan. Cousins averaged 5.2, compared with 4.9 a year ago. He succeeded with a triple lutz to double toe loop combination. He lies in

eighth place.

Accola has 1,090 points to

Tomba, failing to finish for

the first time in 12 races this

season, maintained his lead

in the giant slalom standings

with 340 points. But Pieren

closed up to second place on

298. Accola remained on

283, dropping to third with

Furuseth fourth on 230.

RESULTS: 1, OC Furuseth (Norl, 2min 36 88eec; 2, H Pieren (Switz), 237 65; 3, M Grandelli (Luc), 2:37 67; 4, K-A Asmodi (Nor), 2:38-32, 5, J Walliner (Swe), 2:38-43; 5, P Hotzer (N, 2:38-73, 7, M Knoen (Switz), 2:39.02; 9, G Maruer (Lucch), 2:39-57; 10, P Roth (Gor), 2:39-62 World Cop: Oversit 1, P Acods (Switz), 1:090pts, 2, A Tomba (N), 950; 3, Girardelli; 659; 4, Furuseth, 618; 5, F Hemzer (Switz), 462-8, F Jagge (Norl, 426, Glant statom (atter five of seven races) 1, Tomba, 340; 2, Pieren, 298, 3, Acoda, 253; 4, Furuseth, 230; equal 5, Locher, Wellner, 195.

Furuseth fourth on 230.

SKIING

Furuseth benefits from

Tomba's lost ski

IN BRIEF

Davis near elusive prize

Steve Davis, attempting to win his first ranking snooker tournament outside Britain, reach the semi-finals of the Asian Open with an assured 5-1 victory over Alain Robidoux, of Canada, in

Bangkok last night. Breaks of 85, 64, and a winning 32 clearance to pink in the third frame were ample evidence that the form is still there that took him to a 9-8 win over Stephen Hendry in the final of the Mercantile Credit Classic 11 days ago.

Innes debut

Rugby league: Craig Innes, the former New Zealand rugby union international centre, makes his first appearance for Leeds in the first round of the Challenge Cup against Ry: fale York at Headingley on Sunday.

☐ The RL board yesterday decreed that there was no

brawi during the game be-tween St Helens and Featherstone January 12.

Calling on Yeltsin

Olympic Games: Juan Antonio Samaranch, the international president, will meet the Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, on Saturday to discuss the participation of a unified team representing the former Soviet republics at this year's Olympics in Barcelona.

Christopher Blagden, the Alpine skier from Telford, has been added to team for Al-

bertville next month. **Battling Andries**

Boxing: Terms have been agreed for Dennies Andries. the former world champion now in his 40s, to meet Akim Tafer for the vacant European cruiserweight title in

France on February 27. Double win

Badminton: Steve Butler and Joanne Muggeridge reached the third round of the Korean open in Seoul yesterdaywith victories over Korean players.

BIRMINGHAM INDOOR LEAGUE: Barlord Tigers 5, Egbaston 0, Beeston 2, Harborne 11: Edgbaston 0, Stourport 5, Harborne 8, Barlord Tigers 7, Stourport 17, Beeston 1, Final positions: 1.

CRESTA RUN

17, Beeston 1, Final Stourport; 2, Herborne; 3, I 4, Beeston, 5, Edgbeston,

nagging back injury. YACHTING

Bold Defiant races to a fourth trial win

San Diego: Buddy Melges handling by the Defiant crew took. Defiant's scorecard to in the early stages of a heated four straight wins in the tacking duel managed to get opening defender trials of the Koch and Jayhawk out of America's Cup (Keith Wheat-phase with their opponent. ley writes). He beat Jayhawk. Koch still held the favoured his America- sister ship, by a right, of the first beat, but comfortable 2min 36sec.

Bill Koch, owner-skipper of, from the left he was able to the \$50 million America gain another few feet campaign, won the start at the wheel of Jayhawk by five Defiant went for broke. Inseconds. Up the first 3.7-mile. windward leg, Koch took an early lead. It looked that the ... Melges used pure boat speed oil billionaire might confirm. to break through her lee - a suggestions that he was out of , classic match-racing mahis depth in this class of

every time Melges came in

After six minutes of racing stead of turning away as Jayhawk tacked on top of her, nocurre, flawlessly executed. Koch was forced to peel away

Urgent and quicker boat and then it was all Defiant:

FOOTBALL RUMBELOWS CUP: Fifth round replay: Postponed: Nortinghata Forest v Crystal Postponed: returnment Farther First
B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First
division: Postponed: Meadowbark Titadiv Norton. Second division: Postponed: Covident buttle v Brachin City.

TEAGUE: Done.

freestyle and was a semi-final-

ist in the 50 metres butterfly.

Kennedy then contracted a

virus, but competed at the

national championships at Barnet, London, to help the

poned: Cowderbeath v Brachin City. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE Post-poned: First division: Bolton v Bernsley. Second division: Wolverhampton v Port Vals. Vals.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Post-poned: Premier division: VS Rugby v Fisher. Southern division: Hythe v Feiller OVENDEN COMBINATION: Fuller OVENDEN COMBINATION: Fuller OVENDEN TOURNA-MENT: Second round; Japan 1, Kuwati

Late results on Tuesday

ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Southern area final: First leg: Southampton 2, Choises 0... AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Preliminary AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Preliminary ounce hothers section: Burnisy 0, Scarborough 0 (abandoned efter 90min, frost; Harrispool United 2, Scumbiorpe United 1; Huddarsfield Town 1, Blackpool 1 (aset; Huddarsfield won 3-1 on pens); Rotherham United 3, Chester City O. Southern section: Herstord United 0, Wates 1 (ast); Layton Origet 3, Brentford 2

2.

B AND-O SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Clyde 0, Stenhousemur 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Welford 2, Portsmouth 1:

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Everion PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE Everton

1, Marchester United 3; Marchester City

0, Sheffield Wed 0; Shaffield United 0.
Liverpool 2, Second division: Grimsby 0,
Notta County 2, Preston 1, Hull 0,
FA VASE: Fourth round replay: Hastings
Town 1, Wimborne 2 (ast).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Midland
division: Geartham 1, Bedworth 1.

GWISTON CANONINA 1, SOWOTH 1.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE Premier divi-sion: Bangor City 0, Stalybridge 1; Shepshed 3, Emiloy 2.
MIDDLEBEX SENIOR CUP: Quarter-finate Enfield 2, Staines 1; Northwood 3, Unbridge 1. Unbridge 1.
JENSON LEAGUE: Pramier division:
Helstead 2, Newmerket 3: Lowestoft 4,
Thistord 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division:
Billaricay 0; Leatherhead 3: Makien Vale
1, Matropolitan Police 1; Ware 0, Lowes 0;
Worthing 5, Hungerford 1. Third division:

Eastbourne 0, Hampton 6, Eceom and Evels 1, Bracknell 1: Heritord 0, Cove 0: Horsthein 2, Tilbury 4; Thems 0, Fischweil Heath 1. Locatie Cup: Second round: Sutton United 4, Whythester 0
SCHOOLS: MATCHES: Diamit Under-16 Trophy: First round: Salassh 0, Torquay 63: 1, Gambied CS, Mangfeld 2, Ecclesfield, wonon pend.

CYCLING STUTTGART: Six-form propertions: 1. D Clark (Aus) and P Sincolatto (II), 362pts; 2. S Tourne (Bell and J Veggarby (Den), 283; 3. A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 325, one lap behind: 4, C Wolf (Ger) and A Klaus (Ger), 417, 4, 5, 8 Holenweger (Switz) and U Bolten (Ger), 410, 4; 6, U Freuler (Switz) and Selectoria (Switz) and Selectoria (Switz); 210, 5, Other position: 8, A Doyle (GB) and D Woods (Aus), 185, 6.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NHL): O: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NHL): Or-lando Magic 105, Minneacia Timberwolves 92, Portland Trat Biazers 131, Los Angles Lakers 92; Chicago Busic 108, Phoenix Suns 102; Houston Rockets 117, Minwaukse Bucks 107; San Antonio Spuis 114, Los Angeles Cippers 100; Atlanta Hawks 128, Sastile SuperSonics 119; Sacramento Kinge 94, Derver Nug-cets 85.



Steve Butler: through to third round in Seoul

FOR THE RECORD **RACKETS**

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HENDERSON NATIONAL LEAGUE:
Crition bt Marthorough, 9-2 (Crition
names first): N Burned and C White bit A
Mortat enid R Button, 9-15, 15-5, 15-11, 151, 15-7: A Sandow and S Smith bit H
Monaghan sind G Lee., 14-18, 15-8, 15-10,
15-18, 15-12 Crition by Winchester, 9-2
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18-0, 18-13; C Rome and S Smith bit D
Baldwin and N Murray, 15-12, 17-16, 1512. Radiey bt Cusen's, 9-3 (Radiey,
names first): J Henovan end O Everett bit
G Thompson and R Boyle, 15-0, 15-1, 153, 15-8, H Blacklar and J Cowell bt M
Trevas and D Persetick, 15-12, 9-15, 15-3, 415, 17-14, 13-16, 15-9 Seacourt bt
Radiey, 8-8 (Seacourt rames first): G
Atkins and N Attons lost to O Everett and
J Henrian, 18-17, 6-15, 3-15, 17-13, 0-15;
A Fine and I Snah bt H Blackler and J
Cowell, 15-3, 15-12, 15-6, 8-15, 15-7

ADELBODEN, Switzerland: World Cup: Glant Islaiom: 1, Or Furuseth (Nor), 2mm 36 88sec: 2, H Pieren (Switz), 2:37 65; 3, M Graroteth (Lun), 23/87; 4, K-A Asmodi (Nor), 2:38.32; 5, J Walliner (Swe), 2:38.43; 6, P Holzer (II), 2:38.73, 7, M Knoen (Switz), 2:39.20; 9, G Marrier (Liech), 2:39.57; 10, P Roth (Gen), 2:39.52; World Cup: Overall: 1, P Accola (Switz), 1,000pts; 2, A Tomba (II), 960; 3, Garardelli, 659; 4, Furuseth, 1818; 5, F Henzer (Switz), 462; 6, F Jagge (Nor), 426; Glant Islaion (after five of saven measi): 1, Tomba 3:40; 2, Paren, 298, 3, Accola, 283; 4, Furuseth, 230, equal 5, Locher, Walliner, 195.

BADMINTON

SEOUL: South Korsen Open: First round: Men: S Butter (Eng) bt K Thawcesak (Thail), 15-2, 15-4; K Yong-ho (S Kor) bt L En Horng (Thai), 15-4, 15-4; K Hyung-hi (S Kor) of A Neissen (Eng), 7-15, 15-11, 15-0, Second round: Butter bt Yong-ho (S Kor), 15-4, 8-15; 17-16. Women: Second round: Chen Ying (China) bt H Trake (Eng), 11-7, 11-2; S Eun-jung (S Kor) bt J Bradburg (Eng), 11-1, 1, J Muggeridge (Eng) bt K Bokseung (S Kor), 11-2, 11-2.

(Darwin) bit Chna Aston (Huddersfield), rsc 4th md, Ricky Sackfield (Salford) bit Dave Thempson (Hulf), rsc 1st md Super-middle (6 rds) Johnny Price (Bolton) bit Jason McNell (Swansas), pts. Light-heavy (8 mds): Glenn Campbell (Bury) bit Nagel Rafferty (Wolverhampton), rsc 6th md.

CLUB MATCHES: Postponed: Cem bridge University v RAF; Oxfordehite Oxford University Oxford University
HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: First
division: Portypool 7, Newport 7,
HOSPITALS CUP: Second round: Charing Cross-Westimester 9, Si Mary 9 25;
Rayal Free 13, University College-Middlesex 21 (aet).

SWIMMING

MALMO: World Cup short-course meeting: Fourth round: Winners: Mer: 100m freestyle: A Holmertz (Swe), 49.12sec. 400m freestyle: Holmertz (Swe), 49.12sec. 400m freestyle: Holmertz (Swe), 24.44. 200m butterfly: D Loader (IAC). 1.57 SB. 50m breaststroke: C Posweit (Ger), 25.57 200m breaststroke: A Benhauere (Cz), 2.13.20. 100m belokstroke: M Tewksbury (Ger), 53.58. 100m medley: J Hacky (Ger), 55.66. 400m individual medley: J Sievinen (Fm), 4.11.65 (European record) Women: 50m freestyle: S Osygus (Ger), 25.40. 200m freestyle: S Osygus (Ger), 25.40. 200m freestyle: M Jacobsen (Den), 1.57.82. 800m freestyle: S Osygus (Ger), 25.60. 27.50 (Mz), 29.50. 200m backstroke: S Gerasch (Ger), 1.06.88. 100m butterfly: Y Kando (Japan), 100.43. 200m individual medley: Coada, 215.11

FIXTURES

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Secon division: Middlesbrough v Wigan (7.0). OTHER: MATCH: Derry v Mancheste

RUGBY UNION HOSPITALS CUP: Second round. St George's v Guy's (2.15); St Bartholemew's v Royal London (2.15). OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Great Britain
4, France 6 (at Kirkcatdy).
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Debroit Red
Wings 7, Philadelphia Piyers 3: Wirnipeg
Jets 3, Hartford Whalers 3 (OT): Vencouver Canucks 5, Cusbox Nordiques 3; St
Loue Stuce 5, Buffalo Sebres 4; Edmonton Oslers 9, San Jose Sharks 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Prefiminary round: Bramiey 12, Leeds 35.
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Huddersheld 60, Chorley 2.

STAGNI CUP: 1, J Cellander (GB), 154.95pts; 2, J Lucas (GB), 157.81; 3, M Melcher (Switz), 158.85; 4, R Brown (GB), 160.05; 5, C Gowers (GB), 160.36; 5, M Mattler (Switz), 160.94.

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Tufnell is no longer a rebel without applause



AND RICHARD STREETON

ENGLAND'S third consecutive Test match victory was completed amid high tension and against improbable odds in Christchurch yesterday. As in the previous two, the match-winner was Philip Tufnell, whose remarkable final spell brought him six wickets for 14 as New Zealand were dis-missed four runs and ten minutes short of safety.

It was England's first win in New Zealand since 1978 and they now stand to become the only side to win a Test series in the country in 12 years. Indeed, a series that seemed destined for a slow, unwatchable death - if this opening match had been drawn was rescued by the maverick from Middlesex whose style and quali-ty of spin bowling have been the most gratifying additions to Test cricket for some years. Tufnell, aged 25, has taken 32

wickets in his first seven Tests but

e at The Oval in August. when his six for 25 destroyed the West Indies, and followed up with five wickets against Sri Lanka.

His match figures of 11 for 147 are the best for England against New Zealand since Derek Underwood, a left-arm spin bowler of bygone years, took 12 for 97 on the same ground in 1971.

Face to face, Tufnell does not come across as the sporting su-perman and, no doubt, never will. His hair has been cut but remains unkempt, the stubble is as permanent as the cigarette in his hand, and he speaks with an exaggerated Cockney accent that manages to make the blindingly obvious sound quite surprising. His conversion from teenage

tearaway to world-class spin bowler owes much to Gordon Jen-kins, manager of the MCC indoor school at Lord's, who has been the player's friend and mentor since

A promising games player.

astonishing — 23 wickets at an average of 14.74. He began the ing a drop-out at 14 after being expelled from two schools and turning his back on sport. Jenkins first coached him when

he was a fast bowler at under-! ! classes at Finchley. It was not too long before the boy's slender build led him to advise a switch to left-arm spin. From the start, Tufnell revelled in his ability to mesmerise opponents with considerable turn.

In other areas, though, life was more complicated and he became something of a rebel. He first parted company with Highgate school, and then with Southgate comprehensive, and he went on to abandon cricket for more than two years. Speaking of this per-iod, years later, he said: "Why go to nets for two hours when all your mates are down the kebab house making career-best scores on the Galactic Defender?"

None of this prevented Tufnell from obtaining an O-level in art and a City and Guilds qualification in silversmithing, his father's

profession. Jenkins was a friend of Tufnell's father and had kept an eye on the lad. "No coach likes to see a gifted talent being lost," he said. Between them, parent and coach persuaded the boy to go to Lord's on a coaching course.

After watching the 15-year-old bowl only a few balls, John Hampshire, the former England and Yorkshire batsman, predicted a significant future for him in county cricket. Tufnell won an MCC/Lord's Taverners competition as the most promising pupil and he joined the Lord's groundstaff.

He was fortunate that the head coach. Don Wilson — formerly of Yorkshire and England — was a left-arm spinner who appreciated he had something special on

Don Bennett, the Middlesex coach, was another to help a pupil whose ability and skill outweighed lingering concern at dress and behaviourial patterns that remained almost "hippyish" by Lord's standards.

ity — a really aggressive spin bowler. He is as aggressive as Lillee used to be when bowling fast. He is not a Derek Under-

"His aggression is an attribute and it often hides uncertainty. He actually needs to be encouraged. almost more than any cricketer I

Properly controlled, though, this aggression will help him to become a great bowler, whom I

would not expect to reach his peak for another four years."

John Emburey, the Middlesex and England off-spinner, agreed. "He is gradually learning to become a thinking bowler and not to get discouraged," he said. "He has a marvellous future for the next 15 years as England's main." next 15 years as England's main

Through the late 1980s, Tufnell developed his craft for Middlesex, first at second XI level before finally establishing himself in the first team in 1990. It was a rapid

remember that Tufnell is that rar- Jenkins when recounting his relationship problems with Graham Gooch and Micky Stewart in Australia last winter.

These days, Tufnell acknowledges the help given in the Middlesex dressing room by Mike Gatting and Emburey, who have instilled a greater sense of obvious the lack of which, for a time, threatened his retention as a con-

tracted player.
Tufnell has matured beyond recognition, something confirmed by the way he has survived the crowd baiting and "throwing" allegations on the present tour to New Zealand.

Last night, he emerged from the England celebrations and, in his own way, played down his efforts. "Seven for 47? Is that what it was? I suppose it was a good spell, then," he said. "I don't think I bowled any better than usual and certainly not in a different way. 1 just run up and bowl, keep plug-ging away and hope for the best."

No urgency to provide all-seat stadiums

Football clubs slow to meet Taylor demands

FOOTBALL League clubs were yesterday accused of "patchy" progress as they face up to the £400 million demands of all-seater stadiums. Next week marks the second anniversary of Lord Justice Taylor's report into the Hillsborough disaster and a Football League survey has shown that many clubs are lagging behind with their ground improvement plans.

First and second division clubs have until August 1994 to eliminate standing accommodation, with the third and fourth divisions allowed an extra five years to follow suit. Some top clubs, including Manchester City, were holding back for a decision on whether clubs that plan to join the Premier League

of the government's £100 million hand-back from the share in pools betting duty. They heard yesterday that those that applied before January 13 will receive grant aid from the Football Trust. pro-

would still qualify for a share

vided that work is completed or under way by the end of the 1992 close season.

The Trust had asked for clarification from the government as, under the existing agreement, it could give aid only to Football and Scottish League clubs. There was no provision made for the Premjer League.

Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, said: "We have made clear to the Football Trust that in our view they should continue to pay grant aid to any club in the present first division for works to be completed or underway by the end of this coming close

"I hope that the Trust will be able to take decisions quickly on applications."

The government money is being spread over five years and Coventry City. Liverpool. Millwall and Leeds United are among the main beneficiaries so far, with more than E2 million each from the 1990-1 distribution.

BREITLING

INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

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All clubs will be hoping to meet the Taylor criteria, but. according to John de Quidt, the chief executive of the Foot-ball Licensing Authority (FLA), it is not all good news. We were consulted over the Football League questionnaire and we have had copies of the returns," he said. "And the quality of reponse doesn't correlate with the size of clubs or their divisions. The results are patchy and there are clubs which are causing us consid-

"Some clubs have got their act together regarding allseater and were doing so before we came on the scene. But some, including a number in the second division, are drifting. They still don't believe it will happen: that it will go away."

erable concern.

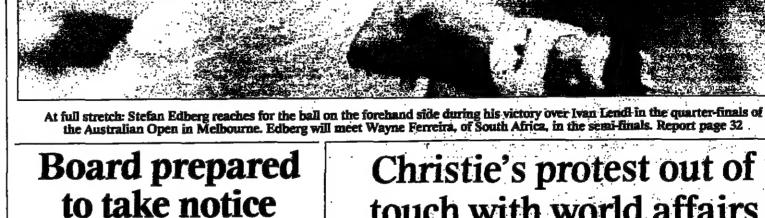
That looks far from the case. FLA inspectors have been monitoring events since early last year, and de Quidt warned: "Clubs will be requested to submit a major business plan to us this

London will be a leading area of activity. Arsenal and West Ham United have launched debenture schemes in a bid to raise the £35 million costs of refurbishment. Chelses are looking to totally rebuild Stamford Bridge and Millwall are set to move to a new stadium as nearby Senegal Fields.

The cost to London clubs has been put at £150 million. but de Ouidt countered: London is not typical of the country as a whole, with its high proportion of first division clubs and large grounds."

It is widely accepted that many clubs will go for the easy option and close sections of their ground rather than spend money on seats. "Clubs don't have to convert all of their grounds to all-seat and we shan't be telling them how many they must have," de Ouidt said, "In many cases, clubs already have more seats than spectators, and I think that there are a number who will choose to close existing accommodation and consolidate rather than put in seats."

Chelsea in court, page 35 |



BRITAIN'S proposed international matches against whose presence at recent uni-South Africa would probably ty talks precipitated an exodus by white officials before be cancelled by the British Athletic Federation (BAF) if his appointment as co-presiits black athletes refused to dent of Athletics South Africompete. "I would not want ca, a composite of white and black administrations. "If I to take a team which is racially divided," Les Jones, the thought an international British men's team manager. match served no useful purpose I would be the last to said yesterday as two more world championship medal endorse it," Sindani said. winners followed the lead of John Regis and Linford

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

Matches are planned for Cape Town on May 23 and 24 and Edinburgh on June 19 but, since South Africa is not even on the IAAF agenda for discussion at the council meeting being held in Mexico City, the country's readmission in time seems unlikely.



Jarrett: backs Christie

Christie's protest out of touch with world affairs

By DAVID MILLER

THE argument between Linford Christie, the captain of the British athletics team, and the British Athletic Federation about the proposed match against South Africa in Cape Town in May demonstrates the continuing insularity of the British from world affairs. Christie is pursuing a legitimate moral argument without being aware it is seriously out of date.

"After all these years of representing Britain and of being asked to act as an ambassador, it is sad to think the officials don't really care about the athletes," Christie complained, saying that many of the team who were black had not been consulted, and that he would refuse to compete.

It is nothing new, of course, for the British federation to act in defiance of some or even all of the competitors it represents. Unfortunately for Christie, it is he and his fellow black athlete, John Regis, who voices the same complaint, that are now exhibiting the greater ignorance.

It would seem that Christie is unaware of events in South Africa over the past 18 months. If the formation

of a new, unified South African Olympic Committee is approved by Nelson Mandela, by the United Nations anti-apartheid committee, by the Organisation of African Unity and the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa and by Sam Ramsamy, for 20 years the leader of the anti-apartheid sporting movement, who are Christie and Regis to

For so long, their view would have been widely accepted, in Britain and elsewhere. Too much of British sport has wantonly flouted the embargo against sporting relations with South Africa, contrary to the Gleneagles Agreement.

Lenny Paul, a sprinting partner of Christie who is hoping to find a place in the lay squad for Barcelona, is in Berchtesgaden for the European bobsleigh championships. He said yester day: "I think a lot of people may feel the same as Linford and will support him. I don't think the British federation told people dearly enough what they were doing. I would like more information about the

situation in South Africa,

and maybe Linford needs that too."__ It is difficult for the British federation to take any action in connection with South Africa without it being recalled how shoddily its predecessor, the British Amateur Athletic Board, behaved when scrambling through Zola Budd's citizenship so she might expediently compete in the Olympic Games in 1984.

Christie, Regis and all the other black competitors who represent Britain and continue to hold honorable anti-apartheid views, need to educate themselves. They are unaware, for instance, that the vice chairman of South Africa's newly readmitted Olympic committee, Mluleki George, has rather more reason than they to resent the established white South African regime. He spent five years as a political prisoner, yet says: "If we continue with the policy of 'no normal sport in an abnormal society, when would unification in sport ever begin. South African sport has to prepare itself for the future, for the freedom that is coming. If we wait too long, then by the time absolute freedom arrives, what will have become

Wales unchanged in the search for stability

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WALES, for only the third time in six years, have named an unchanged XV for their five nations' championship match against France at Cardilf Arms Park on February 1. Not that change was in the air after the one-point win over Ireland last weekend: that was the first Welsh victory in the championship

since 1989. However, a measure of the task confronting Wales is that they have not beaten France anywhere since 1982, includ-

ing the latest encounter, in September last year, when France helped to celebrate the official inauguration of the Arms Park floodlights.

Christie and threatened to

Derek Redmond and Tony

Jarrett gave their support to

the views expressed by Regis

and Christie that, even if

South Africa is welcomed

back by the International

Amateur Athletic Federation

in time for the fixtures to

proceed, Britain should not act so hastily. "If there is a

body of opinion within our

team which says we should

not go there, we would be

stupid not to listen." Jones

said. "Serious consideration

would have to be given to that

fixture. It would not help the

athletes of South Africa to

throw them back into a polit-

ical cauldron." Christie had

suggested that no British

black athletes would compete

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But an appeal to the ath-

in South Africa.

Robert Norster, the Wales team manager, underlined vesterday the desire to bring stability to the national side. after two years of incessant, and sometimes, obsessive, change. "I think by keeping them together we will get more out of them on February 1." Norster said. "There is a lot more to come from this team, although we all realise there is a lot more work that needs to be put in as well.

Everyone in the Welsh camp has their feet firmly on the ground, despite the win in Ireland, and we are looking to improve at every stage."

The game will be Robert Jones's fortieth appearance. making the Swansea scrum half the sixth Welshman to attain that mark. The team trained last night and will reassemble in Cardiff next Wednesday, when the impor-tance of discipline will doubtless be mentioned once more. Alan Davies, the coach, has already talked to Tony

Copsey, the Llanelli lock

whose punch reduced the ef-

fectiveness of Neil Francis, the Irish lock, at Lansdowne Road. "It was very nearly a hard lesson to learn and I would not expect him to react in the same way again." Davies said. "The fact that we put into practice against Ireland some of the things we have been trying to do is good, but the French will be totally different."

It is the first time since 1988 that Wales have opened their championship season with a win, but they will need no reminding that last year's march in Paris produced France's record points tally,

with six tries in a 36-3 victory. Didier Camberabero, the Beziers stand-off half who has won 32 caps for France, will miss the game because he has an injured thigh. He is likely to be replaced by Alain Penaud, of Brive, with Pierre Montiaur, of Agen, added to the squad as cover.
Should Penaud play.

France will field at least seven players who are new to the championship, though several of them have been capped on tour or against Romania. . Scotland, who do not play in the next round of games, will hold a squad training

weekend at St Andrews. Kevin Armstrong, the brother of the injured scrum half. Gary, and Fergus Wallace, of Glasgow . High-Kelvinside. are included in the forwards.

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